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TO

J. CHALLENOR SMITH, ESQ.,

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR LITERARY ENQUIRY, IN THE REGISTRY OF THE COURT OF PROBATE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON.

MY DEAR SIR,

You will remember how the Wills in this little volume came to be copied.

You had, and have, in the Probate Court those twenty-eight Boxes of *Inventories* of Testators' goods which the Executors and Administrators of our Forefathers were bound to exhibit to the former Officers of the Archbp. of Canterbury. Among these Inventories we Shakspereans always hoped to find those of SHAKSPERE and his fellows, and all other Worthies of the great Eliza's reign. And since I first saw the Boxes and their contents at Doctors' Commons some dozen years ago, I always meant to have a turn at them. Opportunity at length being favourable, I got leave in the spring of 1881, from the kind and enlightend Judge and Chief of your Court, Sir James Hannen, to test these Inventories, and see whether Shakspere's was likely to be among them. If it was, I intended to get money from the Treasury or by subscription, for making and printing a Calendar of these documents.

The Inventories could of course only be handled by an Officer of the Probate Court; and on you was put the dusty,

dirty, and tiresome job of diving into, and picking out from, all parts of the twenty-eight Boxes, samples of the little and big rolld-up Inventories that each contained; then unrolling them, and showing them to me. The work lasted for four months.

The kindness and patience that you exhibited in this wearisome and annoying task,—which yielded such a poor result,[1]—and the knowledge of men, of places, and things which you displayd, won my warm admiration and gratitude.

You laid me under further obligation by telling me all the earliest English Wills in the Registry, of which you had long before made a list, in the faith that I, or some grubber of like kind, would turn up and ask where he should go to work.

Whenever, then, you were prevented, by other official calls and attending to other searchers, from unrolling dirty little bundles of Inventories for me, I—with your help in difficult bits—copied the Wills you told me of; and here they are in print, dedicated, by Sir James Hannen's leave,[2] to you, an Officer of whom he and his whole Court may well be proud. I but speak the opinion of the late Colonel Chester—the best authority in the world—as well as of every other frequenter of your Room, when I say that you are an admirable Head of your Department, courteous, helpful, learned, and efficient.

Would that I could say that Department was in a state worthy of you, your Chief, Sir James, and the Royal Court of Probate of England.

You have in that Court, Wills needful for the family and

[1] About 3 per cent. of the Inventories were of the 15th and 16th centuries; the rest were all after 1660. Not one of Shakspere's time turnd up, tho' that of his granddaughter's surviving husband, Sir John Barnard, was found. I've printed it for the New Shakspere Society.

[2] He will not of course see this Dedication till a copy of this little volume is sent him.

social history of England. There are many men and women wishing to work at them. What does the Treasury give you for the purpose? One underground and badly-lighted room in which only 6 folk can work at once. The consequence is, that, with your many applicants, you can often give a worker only 3 or 2 days a week for his work, and he cannot go regularly in for it.

The Manuscript room at the British Museum is bad enough; but your Enquiry room is far worse. If only Sir James had the old power of torture, and could apply thumb-screws or racks to all the Lords of the Treasury—I'd let the First Lord off, tho—he would soon set matters to rights, and give you a room worthy of your Department and his Court. But the Museum is now building a proper MS. room. And so I trust the Treasury will speedily follow suit at Somerset House; put you up a handsome Library for your workers, make you a Keeper, with the Museum-Keepers' salary, and then let you compile and print a Catalog of the Inventories.[1]

Again thanking you heartily for your help and kindness, and wishing you happiness and health,

I am, Very truly yours,

F. J. FURNIVALL.

3, St. George's Square, Primrose Hill, N.W.
December 4, 1882.

[1] There are of course no end of other Wills and Documents in the Registry that need calendaring or cataloging. The Treasury is in no way alive to the urgent wants of this Office or the Record Office.

FOREWORDS.

BOTH for the Life and Language of our old-time folk, their Wills hav always been acknowledgd as most worthful. They let you into the state of every home. They uze words not found in books. Since our Society first started, I always hoped that some one would copy and edit us a volume of Wills; but as no one offerd, and as I got a chance of transcribing one in the spring of 1881,—under the circumstances stated in the Dedication abuv,—I took it, in order to hav a volume wherewith a gap in the Society's issues could be fild up when need should be. The need came this autumn, and here the little Text is.

It will probably disappoint the reader, who looks, as I did, for Inventories as parts of Wills, and for long lists of traders' goods, students' MSS, and the like. I can't claim that in this regard my short volume is up to any of the Surtees or the Camden Bury ones, or possibly Mr. H. W. King's series of Essex Wills and Inventories of Church goods, in his county Archæological Society's Transactions, of which my kind helper, Mr. J. H. Round, tells me. But at any rate, for us Londoners ther ar details of much worth; ther is Shakspere's *Mermaid* tavern (p. 78, l. 19) and (in a note of a Latin will given me by Mr. Challenor Smith, p. 136) ther is the first known bequest (A.D. 1420) of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*.[1] These make up for a good many plows, plums, ribbons and tapes. The volume also contains the first known notice of wher the Chapel of our Lady and St. Nicholas was situate in old St. Paul's (p. 132), and has of course many items as to old London churches, streets, signs and men, which will interest the City topografers.

In Persons, it ranges from the Countess of Warwick, the King-maker's mother-in-law, to a Wax-chandler's servant and many a

[1] Perhaps of his *Boece* too. His *The Pore Caitiff*, a Wycliffite book, is bequeathd on p. 50, l. 18; 'Jankyn Clerk' is at 39/6; his 'Koke of London' at 94/11.

poorer man. In Property, it stretches from the entail of large landed estates on sons, to a portion of one bullock for a daughter (98/11, 12), or to the gift of one sheet, or a towel-roller, an egg-gridiron or an old brass pot (102/5, 6), to a legatee.

Of two things, more appears in the Wills than I had expected, namely, silver plate,[1] and furd gowns; for the latter, polecats, martins, genets, wild cats, beaver, otter, and lamb, were prest into the service. Of Armour there is less than I'd lookt for.

But the most surprizing and regrettable thing in these Wills is the amount of money shown to hav been wasted in vain prayers, or orders for them. Fancy one man ordering a Million Masses to be said for his soul; another 10,000; another 4,400; another sending Pilgrims to Spain, Rome, Jerusalem, &c. for the good of his soul! I only hope some sensible Executors handed over the money to the Testators' wives and children, or the poor.

When just thru the proofs of this volume, it so happend that the Master and Fellows of Emmanuel lent me their unique copy of Phillip Stubbes's *Motive to Good Workes*,[2] 1593; (I'd reprinted in September his *Display of Corruptions*, 1583[3];) and on opening it, came a passage which well showd the change of opinion on this Mass and Dead-prayers business in his day:—

> (p. 120) "The Papists also holde it to be a work of vnspeakable merit, for a man or woman, eyther before they dye, or else at their death, to giue the greatest (*p.* 121) part of their goods & lands (the more, the more merite) to popish priestes, (though in the meane time, theyr wife, children, and whole familyes goe a begging all theyr lyfe long,) to Monkes, and Fryers, with the rest of that filthie generation, to the ende they may pray for them when they are dead, to saie masses, trentalls, diriges, *de profundis*, Ladies psalters, and I can not tell what riffe raffe else for

[1] See the references in the *List of Words;* and the Acorn spoons, instead of Apostle ones.

[2] A / Motive To / Good Workes. / Or rather, / To true Christianitie indeede. / Wherein By The / waie is shewed, how farre wee are behinde, / not onely our fore-fathers in good workes, / but also many other creatures in the endes of / our creation: with the difference betwixt / the pretenced good workes of the Antichri- / stian Papist, and the good workes / of the Christian Pro- / testant / *By Phillip Stubbes, Gentleman* / Mathew .5. verse 16. / Let your light so shine before men, that they / may see your workes, and glorifie your fa- / ther which is in heauen. / London, / Printed for *Thomas Man*, dwelling in / Pater Noster rowe, at the signe / of the Talbot. 1593. / A—O in 8s.

[3] For the New Shakspere Society, to follow Part I of Stubbes's *Anatomie of Abuses*, of which it is Part II.

them: bearing them in hand, that their souls & the soules of al their friends, parents, kindred, and aliance, shall not onely bee releeued, but also cleerely delyuered thereby out of the pains of purgatorie, which otherwise shoulde lye there broiling in firie flames seauen yeeres for euerie sinne that euer they committed in this life, either in thoght, word, or deed. Which if it were true, (as it is most false and blasphemous) I could not blame men, though they gaue all they had, and more too, to (*p.* 122) the Priests. But alasse, who seeth not the vanitie of this fonde opinion of Purgatorie? If Masses, Diriges, trentals, de *profundis*, Ladies psalters, and such pelting trash, could redeeme vs from paine and punishment after this life, and place our soules in ioye and blisse, I praie you then what is left to the bloud of Christ to doo for vs? iust nothing at all. And why died Christ, if we might haue bene redeemed by corruptible money, lands, or posessions, as the Apostles, Saint *Paule* and Saint *Peter* doe reason? What can be more derogatorie to the death of Christ, and the efficacie of his bloud, than this? You were not redeemed, (sayth *Paul*) from your sinnes, neither by golde nor siluer, but by the precious bloud of that immaculate lambe Iesus Christ. And doeth not the apostle *Iohn* thunder out vnto us, 'The bloude of Iesus Christ doeth cleanse vs from all sinne. And as for (*p.* 123) the ridiculous opinion of purgatory, it is so foolish a thing, that I am ashamed to bestow anie labour in confuting of it, as hauing indeede neyther ground out of the word of God (no, nor so much as one sillable sounding that waie) nor anie approued or autentike writer, excepte out of such apocryphas, as *Ouid*, *Virgil*, and other heathen Poets. And yet for all that, the Papists haue gayned as much, (I suppose) by the broching of this frai-bugge, or scar-crow Purgatorie, since it was first hatched, as all christendome is worth besides." (See also the next 2 or 3 pages.)

Now, a good many of us think of some of Stubbes's doctrines about what he did of the Papists'. And so the world wags.

Well: the gifts to mend bad roads and bridges, to help poor girls to marriage, and to feed and clothe the poor,[1] no one will quarrel with.

The Land-wills ar interesting; as showing how all the land of the kingdom was in the hands of Trustees, feoffees, to whom every buyer had his land conveyd—either solely, or jointly with himself,—to evade the rights of forfeiture, wardship, &c. of feudal lords. These feoffees (see *List of Words*) ar constantly prayd to do their duty to the Testator, and carry out his Will, either by entailing his land on his sons, or conveying it to such folk as his Executors sell it to.[2] Executors ar likewise entreated to be faithful, as if

[1] See the words Bake, Blind, Bread, Brew, Clothes, Poor, &c., in the List below.

[2] It was perhaps from this connection with land, that a Seal was set to all important Wills as if they were Deeds. Also, that one Will is cald an 'Endenture' (45/5), another a 'bok' (24/10) and so on.

they'd answer for their acts on the Day of Doom. And that this injunction was often needed in early days, may be gatherd from the old saying, "Three Executors make three Thieves." Cheery old Robert of Brunne—enlarging his original, William of Waddington—denounces them soundly in some 300 lines in his *Handlyng Synne*:[1] see my edition, p. 195—199.

It's plezant to see Testators anxious to make amends for all possible wrongdoing, and to watch the owners of horses bequeathing em by name: 'grey Butler, grey Manley' (53/9) show that a man cared for his four-footed friends. But no dog is namd in any Will. Servants often are, both men and women; and in one case a Nun is left money for looking after a testator in his sickness (54/2). One Wife is cald her husband's most trusty friend (48/21); another has all his property left to her (Walter Newent's, p. 83); but in other cases, testators don't seem quite comfortable about their widows' future (p. 122, p. 33-4, 40). The solemn Vow of Chastity which Widows sometimes took in presence of the Bishop and Congregation, being endued with Ring and Mantle (60/8, 25; p. 135), was new to me. Several Testators had the good sense to order plain funerals, and to recognize that Pomp was a vanity that didn't help their souls (23/22; 49/11; 8/12; 131/2).

As to all the other subjects of bequest, are they not enterd in the List of Words and Subjects which follows that of Proper Names and Places[2]? Let the curious reader look them up. (Among names he'll find a real 'John of Nokys,' 111/19.)

[1] Ryche men gadere ryche tresours 6236
To make with ryche executours.
þe whyles þe executours sekke, [*glost* fyl þe bag]
Of the soulë þey ne rekke
The body, whyl hyt on bere lys,
A day or two ys holde yn prys; 6240
But when hyt ys yn erþë broght,
Body ne soulë gete ryȝt noght:
Be he broght nobly to hys pyt,
Dette and soule þey þynke all quyt. 6244

* * * *
Of allë fals þat beryn name 6259
Fals executours are most to blame.
þe Pope of þe courte of Rome,
Ayens hem ȝyfþ he hardë dome,
And curseþ hem yn cherchys here,
Fourë tymës yn þe ȝere. 6264
* * * *
Executur þat wyl nat do 6367
As þę dede ordeyned to,
he shal haue euyl endyng
þat so wyþhalt þe dedës þyng 6370

[2] I can't guarantee in these, that *u* and *n*, *f* and *s*, have not been sometimes printed for one another. They are often difficult to distinguish. Expansions

In the way of Language, there is this drawback to the prezent volume. As all the old Anglo-Saxon Charters were copied in the King's writing-den, and thus their dialect got alterd, so these Wills must have all been copied in London, and their dialect more or less spoilt. Still, some do keep strong dialectal marks. *De, dey*[1] for 'the, they,' *bun* be, *tho* to, *ayder* either, *til* to, *quan* when, *qwiche* which, *þis es* these are, *os* as, *ȝeifi* given, *volle* (Devon), full, *deliuery* deliver, *howght* owd, *schal* shall, *chete* sheet, *chippe* ship, *sholde* sold (22/31), *here* year, *yerth* earth, *ȝhely* yearly, &c. &c., will be useful to Morris, Skeat, Sweet, and other dialect-workers. The 'ryte heires' of 18/7 goes, with other like words elsewhere, to show that the guttural *gh* was not sounded as the fonetists would hav us believ. One of the oddest spellings I've noted, is *gogement* for 'judgment.' For the Cockney '*ham* am,' '*heldest* eldest,' see H in List of Words; also *W*, for *w* insted of *v*.

The Notes, foot and end, are not so full as I could have wisht; but I had no time to fish for more. One of the blessings of being a Director is, that when you want specially to work at a favourite subject—my Old-Spelling Shakspere it was this time—you have to put it aside, and take up an altogether different one that you 're out of tune for, because your Society *must* have a Text out by Christmas to fill up its year's issue. Hence the present volume has been done against time, and hasn't the notes from Tanner's *Notitia Monastica*, and all the County Histories, that it ought to hav. But I've done the work as well as I could in the time allowd; and Mr. J. Horace Round and Mr. J. Challenor Smith for people and places, Miss My. Lambert for Romanist. services, Mr. W. G. Stone for *Jonetis* = genets, and some places in Lewis, Mr. E. Peacock for some Lincolnshire names, Prof. Skeat and other friends, hav to some extent supplied my shortcomings, and earnd my hearty thanks. To my

of Latin contractions hav now and then gone astray—see *Notes*, p. 135, 137. The reader will charitably remember the old adage, '*Quod adest boni consule*. You must not looke a giuen horse in the mouth.' 1616. Withal's *Dict.* by B. R. p. 578. For Dress, see 'Gowns, Blue, Green, Russet, Scarlet, Sangwyn,' &c. For Ornaments, see 'Maple, Sink-foil, Baleys, Oyche, Ruby, Silver,' &c. For the Statue of Lady Warwick naked, see her Will, 116/9. For a Brass of Wife and 7 Children, 81/9.

[1] See the List of Words.

friend Miss Teena Rochfort-Smith, I am also indebted for the List of Words and Places in the first 8 pages of the book, and for soothing my soul when, on certain evenings, I was grinding at the rest of that wearing work[1], by singing me all my old favourite mezzo-soprano songs, 'Che faro', 'Lascia ch'io pianga', 'Cangio d'Aspetto', 'Adelaide', 'Voi che sapete', 'Du bist die Ruh', 'Ave Maria', 'Non è ver', 'Ruth', 'Oh rest in the Lord', 'Oh for the wings of a dove,' &c. &c. May all oppprest Indexers hav the like sweet consolement!

British Museum (5 *p.m., under the Electric light*),
Dec. 5, 1882.

[1] The Lists don't profess to be exhaustive, tho they took a long time. Bequests of Souls are not indext, as they're in nearly every Will. Of other frequent bequests, only a few samples are given.

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ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

Mr. Round and Mr. Challenor Smith now find, alas! that a few Wills near to 1400 A.D. (including at least two printed by Dugdale) escaped Mr. S.'s note-book. So we must have another volume some day. Miss Marx will start at copying the fresh Wills, as soon as *Huon* and *The Four Sons of Aymon* are clear for our Extra Series.

p. v, l. 5; p. 4, l. 1; p. 155, col. 2, l. 10; for *Hampshire*, read *Dorsetshire*

p. vi, l. 1, after "BROWNE", insert "(*alias* atte Grove)."

—— l. 4; p. 45, 46; for *Thomas* (Bathe), read *John*.

—— l. 5; p. 47, l. 8; for *Weston*, read *Weston Underwood*.

—— l. 12, for *Bikinacre*, read *Hanningfield*.

—— l. 16, for *Hornsey*, read (*Hornsey*)

p. vii, l. 8, for *English Wills*, read *English Will*

p. xi, note. *Read* "Perhaps of his *Boece* too. His name 'Jankyn Clerk' is at 39/6; and his 'Koke of London' at 94/11. *The Pore Caitiff*, a Wycliffite book, is bequeathd on p. 50, l. 18."

p. xv, l 8, for *schal*, read *schel*.

p. 5, l. 5. *Johane my doughter, my sone is wyf.* She was daughter of Roger, Lord De La Warr, the hero of Crécy and Poictiers (by his 2nd wife Alianore, dau. of John, Lord Mowbray), and heiress in her issue (by the half-blood) to her two brothers, successive lords. It was through her that the Barony of De La Warr came into the West family.—J. H. R.

p. 5, l. 5. *paled black and white.* That is, striped vertically. It would be blazoned in Heraldry—"*paly* sable and argent." Joan, Lady Abergavenny, in her will (1434) bequeaths a similar "Bed of Velvet, white and black paled, with Quyshions, Tapettes, and formers that long to the same bed."—J. H. R.

p. 5, l. 28. *Sir Nichol Cliston knyght.* Sir Nicholas de Clifton, of Clifton (then Cliston), near Preston, Lancashire. He was in the French wars with his

father-in-law, Sir Thomas West, and was made Governor of Ham in Picardy, 1383.—J. H. R.

p. 5, l. 29. *Thomas Cliston here sone.* He accompanied Henry V. into France, 1415, and fought at Agincourt with his brothers.—J. H. R.

p. 5 ; p. 50 ; p. 136. *Bequests of English Books.* Mr. Challenor Smith has lately noted gifts, in 1433, of the *Story of Joseph, St. Patrick's Purgatory, Alquin's Sermon,* and *Piers Plowman.* In the Will of Eleanor Purdeley, widow, of London, Commissary Court, 1433 : "libros Anglicanos, videlicet the Storie of Josep, Patrikek purgatore, and y^e^ sermon of altquyne." Bequest of "librum vocatum piers plowman."—Will of Thos. Roos, Commissary Court, 1433. Mr. Round notes a bequest of "my Book of Tribulacion" by Sir Lewis Clifferd (the Lollard) in 1404.

p. 6, l. 6. *a scochon of my lordes armes and of myn Iparted.* Their two coats were *impaled,* a practice which had then recently replaced "dimidiation" (cf. p. 117, l. 5).—J. H. R.

p. 6, l. 25. *my lord Sir Thomas West.* Son of Sir Thomas, 1st Lord West, but was not himself summoned. Fought at Crécy, 1346 ; d. 3 Sept. 1386.—J. H. R.

p. 6, l. 29. *a vestiment . . . . . to the cops.* Some light may, perhaps, be thrown on this by a passage in the will of Joane, Lady Abergavenny (1434)—"I wool that the foreseyd Freers have a hool sute of black, that ys to sey, a Chetepyl, two Tunicles, three Coops, with my best pair of Candlestecks of silver wrethen, and my best sute of Vestments of Cloath of Gold, with Peacocks, with auter clothes, and aubes, and alle that longeth thereto, for a memorial perpetuelie to use hem every yere at the Anniversary of my Lord my Husband and of me." I think that "the cops of the hows" must mean the community.—J. H. R.

p. 9, l. 2 ; p. 149, col. 2, l. 14 ; p. 185, col. 1, l. 10. *the lordes In of Cherlton.* This is "the Inn (town-house) of the Lord Cherlton." John of Cherlton was summoned to Parliament as "Johanni de Cherlton de Powys" (he was lord of Powysland) from 1382 to 1400. And this will is dated 1395.—J. H. R.

p. 12, l. 17. *seynt mary Kirk of Beverley.* This noble church had been originally a chapel of ease, but was endowed out of the prebend of St. Martin, 1325, as a Parish Church, on condition that its vicar provided two chaplains, to celebrate service daily at the altars of St. Mary and St. Martin, and that he should be present with his priests, in a regular habit, all processions of the prebendal church of Beverley (*Originalia,* 3 Edw. III.).—J. H. R.

p. 12, l. 18. *the vekery of the same Kyrke.* John de Brydlington had been appointed vicar in 1403 (*Lansd.* MSS. 896, viii. fo. 189).—J. H. R.

p. 12, l. 22. *seynt gylys spetyll.* Said to have been founded by "Wulf" before the Conquest. Belonged to the Archbishops of York till Walter Giffard, in 1277, exchanged it with the Priory of Wartre for a wood. It consisted of a Master and brethren, and, at the Dissolution, contained five poor men.—J. H. R.

p. 16, l. 8. *Rowenhale:* possibly so called as being a native of Rowenhall, Staffordshire.

p. 37. *Rychard* HADDOKE, *of the Lee, Essex.* Mr. H. W. King, of Leigh Hill, Leigh, Essex, the well-known Essex antiquary (p. xi, abuv), had Stephen Thomas's Will prepared for printing before I issued it. He writes to Mr. Challenor Smith: "Richard Haddoke is one of the ancestors (whether lineal or not,) of the great Admiral Sir Richard Haddock of this place [temp. Charles II and James II], and his scarcely less distinguished son, Admiral Nicholas Haddock, and some 6 or more Naval Captains of that remarkable family. There are brasses of their Ancestors in this Church, and of, possibly, that identical Richard named in the will [1419], as he died 1453."

p. 45, 46. For *Thomas Bathe* read *John Bathe.*

p. 70, l. 23. *breed and herynge.* A century later (1528) Thomas Mathew of Colchester, on being tried for heresy, abjured, and was ordered, as part of his penance, to spend 4*s.* 8*d.* a week, during Lent, in buying *bread and herrings* for the poor of the town.—J. H. R.

p. 70, l. 25. *Laffarebrugge.* Langford bridge on the Blackwater, between Witham and Maldon.—J. H. R.

p. 109, l. 10. *the frere prechours of Gloucestre.* See an excellent account of this Dominican House (founded circ. 1239) by the Rev. C. F. R. Palmer (*Arch. Journ.* xxxix. 296).—J. H. R.

p. 135. *Sir Thomas West, knight.* Died 17 April, 1405, and was buried at Christchurch with his ancestors, having bequeathed £100 to its canons that they might keep annually the "year's minde" for himself, his father, mother, and wife.—J. H. R.

p. 135. Of the *Benedictio Viduæ* here described, there is a famous instance in English history. Eleanor, sister of Henry III. and widow of William Earl of Pembroke (who d. 15 April, 1231), had taken this vow, but subsequently (7 Jan. 1238) married Simon de Montfort. The vow had been taken before Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Richard, Bishop of Chichester. The former protested against her second marriage, and the Baronage, then jealous of Simon, raised such an outcry that he had to go to Rome and pay heavily for a dispensation. It is clear, I think, that the historians who treat of this marriage (Blaauw, Pauli, Prothero, Shirley, &c.) must have been ignorant of the technical character of Eleanor's vow, which they seem to confuse with taking the veil. But the chroniclers' words distinctly refer to the *Benedictio viduæ:* —"in præsentiâ sancti Edmundi Cantuarensis archiepiscopi et sancti Ricardi Cicestrensis episcopi solemne votum castitatis emisit."—T. Wykes; . . . . . "in cujus præsentia dicitur ipsa Alienora votum fecisse continentiæ vidualis, vestibus utens tinctura carentibus."—Matth. Paris.

Philippa, widow of Guy (d. 28 April, 1351), eldest son of Thomas Earl of Warwick, took this vow 11 Aug. 1360. The Memorandum of it is preserved, and is a good illustration of the service.

"11 die mensis Augusti, An. Dom. 1360, apud Warwick, dictus Venerabilis Pater,[1] altam Missam in Pontificalibus, in Ecclesiâ Collegiatâ beatæ Mariæ Warwici antedictâ celebrans, votum castitatis Philippæ nuper uxoris Domini

[1] Reginald (Bryan) Bishop of Worcester.

Guidonis de Warwic admisit et acceptavit; et dicta Philippa votum castitatis emisit, sub hiis Verbis:

"En le nom de le Seint Trinitie, Piere, Fil, & Seint Esprit, jeo Philippe que fu la feme Sire Guy de Warwyst face purement & des queor & voluntee entierement, avow a Dieu & seint Eglise, & a la benure Virgin Marie, & a tout le bel compaigne celestine, & a vous reverent Piere en Dieu, Sir Reynaud per le Grace de Dieu Evesque de Wircestre, que jeo ameneray ma vie en chastitee defore en avant, & chaste ferra de mon corps a tout temps de ma vie."[1]—J. HORACE ROUND.

p. 130, l. 23. *Edward my sone.* A staunch Yorkist. Fought at St. Alban's, 1455.—J. H. R.

p. 146, col. 2, l. 24, for *Bathe, Thomas* read *Bathe, John.*

p. 184, col. 1, l. 6, for "70/22" read "70/23"

p. 185, col. 1, l. 2, for "117/12" read "117/14"

(Mr. Horace Round is, I find, the only grandson of Horace Smith of the *Rejected Addresses.*)

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[1] Bryan, Vol. I. f. 30 *b.*

Earliest English Wills.

1387. ROBERT CORN.

[Citizen of London: gives half his property to himself, to be spent in Masses and Alms; the other half to his son Watkyn and his daughter Katherine; and 40*s.* to his daughter Genet. Leaves bequests to St. Mary Abchurch,[1] St. Paul's poor folk, Bartholomew New, one of his Executors, &c.]

I. Commissary Court of London, Courtney (A.D. 1374-1400), leaf 198, back.

IN the name of god, Amen, the thorsday Befor the feste of seint laurence, the ȝer of the incarnacion of our lord, Mille*simo* CCC^mo^ lxxxvij, the reyne of the kynge Richard the Secund after the conquest the x., I, Robert Corn, Ceteseyn of london, be-quethe my sowle to god, to lygge in the chirch of our lady of abbechirch. Also y be-quethe my goodes in twey *par*tyes, that ys for [to] seie, half to me, and the tother haluyndel to Watkyn my sone and to Kat*er*yne my Dowt*er*, and also, or my godes be to-*par*tyd, y will that my dettes be payd in alle places that rythful ys. Also y be-quethe genet my dowt*er* xl. s. Also to the werk*es* of our lady of Abbechirch xx. s. Also to the Brethered of our lady of Abbechirch xx. s. Also to eu*er*i prest that ys of this chirch, ij. s. Also to the twey clerkes that bene in the chirch. eu*er*ich of hem, ij. s. Also y be-quethe x. s. to the most nedful men & women þat ben. in the p*ar*che of our lady of abbechirch. Also y be-quethe iij. li to

[1] St. Mary Abchurch is in Abchurch Lane in the Ward of Candlewick St.: 'the word *Abchurch*, or *Upchurch*, was added to distinguish this from other Churches of St. *Mary*, it standing on an Eminence, compared with Houses near it in *Thames str. &c.*' It was burnt in the Great Fire of 1666, and rebuilt in 1686. Hatton's *New View of London* (1708), ii. 359.

bringe me on erthe. Also y be-quethe Bartilmewe neue the bed of tree, *with* the cheste atte the foot, weche they haue of myn, & the lauo*ur* of peut*er* *with* the basyn of led. Also y wille and ordene þat alle the godes weche y haue be-quethe Kat*er*ine, þat it be in kepynge of my too executo*ur*s, here for to take as sche had ned. Also y be-quethe to the werk*es* of poulys vj s. viij d. And also wat godes þat leuet to-ward me, y will þat it be do of massys and of almes-dedys þ*er*e most nedful ys. And here-to I ordeine Watkyn my sone, secuto*ur*, & Bartilmewe newe þat o*per*; & vp-on this y will þat Bartilmewe neue haue for hys traueal, aft*er* þat he s*er*uit. Also y will þat Iohn Edmund [haue] al þ^e^ led þat light in þ^e^ stuys, & þ^e^ sest*er*ne þat longeþ to the stuys, and þ^e^ bordes & þ^e^ gaudrou*n* in þ^e^ kechyn þat stont in forneys, he to paie þ*er*-for as it ys worthy, for-be ony otherman.

(xxij. 129. 199) Probatum fuit *pr*esens testamentum coram no*bis*, P*r*esidente Consistorij londo*nie*, vna cum codicillo eid*em* annexo, ij^e^ Idus Marcij, Anno d*omi*ni Mille*si*mo CCC^mo^ lxxxix^no^. Et commissa est administrac*io* o*mnium* bonor*um*, dictum defunctum & ipsius testamentum concernencium, Walt*er*o Corn, executori in dicto testamento nominato, in forma iuris, & p*er* eund*em* admissa, Barth*olomeo* Neue, coexecutore int*er*ius in eodem testamento nominato, onus administrac*ionis* hui*usmodi* coram no*bis* expresse admitt*ere* recusante. In cuius rei testimonium, sigillum officialitat*is* londo*nie*, p*resentibus* duximus apponendum. Dat*um* Londo*nie*, Die & anno Do*mi*ni sup*radictis*.

JN. PYNCHEON, 1392.

Will of Jn. Pyncheon, Citizen and jeweller of London, dated, Vigil of St. Matthew [Sept. 20], 1392.

[John Pyncheon's will is in French, with an English insertion, perhaps in order that his charitable gifts might thus be more plain. He gives money to the Poor, according to their condition; clothes to the Lame and Blind; a weekly allowance to the Prisoners in Newgate, and the Lepers, for 1 year; and a small sum to poor men of Religion.]

1 Commissary Court off London, Courtney.

(xiij. 264. 194 lf. l. 19) Gives his lands in the county of Essex to be sold, and the money dispozed of as follows: "Ieo volle *que* la moneye soit despendu, cestassauoir, to þ^e^ pore Men *þat* han ben Men be-fore of god conu*er*sacion, som man .xx.s, ant som ij Marc', and 4 som xl. s., aftyr *þat* here stat hat ben be-fore, and *þat* þey be of þ^e^ same Parche, and Of Petris and Cristoforys, or of o*þ*er*e* next þer by; & where me may wetyn eny powre lame, ore powre Blynde, in Ani plache in þ^e^ Towne, *þat* þey han Clo*þ*ys to hele hem fro colde, & 8 Schetys to þam *þat* han nede. And to þ^e^ presonis of newgate, a serteyn by þe weke duryng on ȝere; & to þ^e^ Powre Mesell*is* a certeyn A weke duryng on ȝere; & *þat* þ^e^ hows be ysold, and þ^e^ Almes yi-do in þ^e^ worst ȝere. And where men may a-spye eny 12 powr*e* man of religion, Monk*e*, Chanon, or Frere, *þat* þay han of my god þ^e^ gode[1], And ben powre, eche Man .vj. s. viij. d. *þat* ben Prestys."

(Proved, with Codicil annext, Oct. 9, 1392.)

[1] so in MS.

LADY ALICE WEST, OF HAMPSHIRE, 1395.

[Of Hinton Marcel, Hampshire. Gives her son Thomas, her best Bed and Seat, his father's ring, &c. Her daughter-in-law Joan, her second best Bed, a silver Basin and Chafer, her Books, Chapel Vestments and silver fittings, with a Chair and Chariot. Her daughter, Lady Alianore Clifton, a Bed, silver Basin, &c. Her sister, Lady Lucy Fitzherbert, Prioress of Shaftesbury, £40. Bequests to her servants and poor tenants. Many gifts to Nuns, and Friars, and Recluses, for Masses and Prayers. Burial to be at the Priory of Christ-Church, Hampshire.]

[Latin prologue as to the proof of the Will on Sept. 1, 1395, by Sir Thomas West and John Thurston, two of the Executors named in it.]

(Rous. (Prerogative Court) sheet 4, leaf 29 back.)

Testamentum Domine Alicie West (in margin)

Tenor vero dicti testamenti sequitur in hec verba:

In dei nomine, Amen. On thursday, that is to sey, the xv day of the moneth of July, In the yer of the incarnacioun of our lord ihesu crist, a thousand and thre hundred and foure score and fiftene, .I. Alice West, lady of Hyntōn Marcel, in hool estat of my body, and in good mynde beynge, make my testament in the maner as hit folweth here after. In the begynnyng, I bequethe my soule to god almyghty and to his moder seynt Marie, and to al the seyntis of heuene, and my body to be beryed in Crischerch in the Priorie of the Chanones in Hamptschire, by the Newe forest, where-as myne Auncestres liggeth. Also I deuyse to Thomas my sone, a bed of tapicers werk, with alle the tapites of sute, red of colour, ypouthered with chapes and scochoūs, in the corners, of myn Auncestres armes. with that .I. bequethe to the same Thomas, the stoffe longyng therto, that is to seye, my beste fetherbed, and a blu caneuas, and a materas, and twey blankettys, and a peyre schetes of Reynes, with the heued shete of the same, and sex of my best pilwes, wich that he wol chese, and a bleu couertour of menyuer, and a keuerlet of red sendel ypouthered with Cheuerons . . Also .I. bequethe to the same Thomas

my sone, an Halle, with docere, costers and bankers, of sute of that forseyde bed. Also y bequethe to the same [1]Thomas my sone, a peyre Matyns book*is*, and a peire bedes, and a rynge with which y was yspoused to god,[2] which were my lordes his faderes. Also .I. deuyse to Iohane my doughter, my sone-is wyf, a bed paled blak' and whit, with the tapites of sute, and the stoffe of the bed, that is to seye, my secunde best fetherbed, with caneuas mat*er*as, twey blanketes, a peyre shetis of Reynes, with the heued shete of the same, and a blu cou*er*tou*r* of grys, and .iij. the beste pilwes aft*er* choys of the forseyde Thomas my sone. Also .I. bequethe to the same Iohane a basyn of siluer' with boses apon the brerdes, and a chauf*our* of siluer longyng' ther-to. Also .I. bequethe to the same Iohane, a masse book, and alle the bokes that .I. haue of latyn, englisch, and frensch, out-tak the forsayd matyns book*is* that is bequeth*e* to Thomas my sone / Also I bequethe to the same Iohane alle my vestymentz of my chapell, with the towailes longynge to the auter', and my tapites whit and rede paled, and blu and red paled, with alle my grene tapites that longeth to my chapell forsayd, and with the frontels of the forsayd auter', and with alle the rydelles and trussynge cofres, and alle other apparaile that longeth to my chapelle forsayd. Also to the same Iohane my doughter .I. bequethe a chales and a paxbred', and an haliwat*er* pot, with the sprengls, twey cruetis, twey chaundelers, twey siluer' basyns for the auter, with scochons of myne auncestres armes, and a sacrynge belle, and alle of seluer, Also a tablet depeynt of tre. Also .I. bequethe to the same Iohane, my chare, and that I haue longyng therto; Also a chariot with twey standardes heled with lether, which that serueth for myn harneys. Also .I. bequethe to Sir Nichol' [3]Cliston knyght, and to Alianore his wif', my doughter', and to Thomas [3]Clistoñ here sone, Cxx li, euenliche to be departed betwix ham thre. And if Thomas here sone forsayd dyeth or he haue age of discrecio*un*, to ordeyne of his part of that moneye, I. wol that it torne to profet of his fader and his moder'. Also .I. deuyse to the same Alianore my doughter, a tawne bed of silk', with hool celure and four curtyns of sute, and a

[1] leaf 30. [2] ? vow taken after she became a widow.
[3] *s* for *f*; Clifton.

keuerlit of selk' ypoynet in that on side tawne, and in that other side blu; and the stoffe of the bed ther-wytħ. that is to seye, my thridde beste fetherbed', witħ caneuas materas, twey blankettes, a payre shites of reynes, witħ an heuedshite of sute, and iij pilwes. Also I deuyse to the same Alienore, a round bassin of siluer', whicħ hatħ a scochoñ of my lordes armys and of myn Iparted. Also I deuyse to my suster' dame luce fitz-Herberd, Priorisse of Shaftebury, .xł. ti. Also .I. bequethe to my suster' Thomase Blount, Menchoñ[1] of Romeseye, xl Marc'. Also I deuyse to Margerie Salford' xx. ti. Also I bequethe to Beatrice Wareyn' xl Marc', and a bed couenable for a gentel womman. Also I bequethe to Alison Hyntoñ x ti, and a bed couenable for her' estat. Also .I. bequethe to litel Perrot .x. Marc', and a bed couenable to the same perrot. Also I. bequethe to Idkyne my chambrer', xx. ti. and a bed couenable for her' estat. Also I bequethe to Thomme of the warderobe .C. s'. Also I bequethe to litel Reignold' xl. s. and a bed couenable for his estat. Also .I. bequethe xl. ti. to be departed among' alle my seruantz, men and wommen of myn houshold', as to thilke that ben entendant for Thomas my sone, as for me, and as wel to hem that I haue eny thyng' bequethe to in this testament, as to hem that I haue nothyng' bequethe to: and I wole that it be departed trewely to euery man and womman, after his degrè. Also .I. bequethe xl. ti. to be departed among' my pouere tenauntes oueral where I haue lordschipe, that is to seye, to hem that haue most nede. Also I bequethe xviij ti. and .x. s for to synge and seye ŧ ŧ ŧ ŧ MMMM and CCCC Masses[2] for my lord sir' Thomas West-is soule, and for myn, and for alle cristene soules, in the most hast that it may be do, withynne xiiij nygħt next after my deces. Also .I. bequethe xl. ti to do make a vestiment, after deuys of my forsayd sone, to the cops[3] of the hows of Crischerche wher' my body schal ligge, to bidde, and to rede and synge for my lordes soule forsayd, and myn, and for alle cristene soules while the world' schal laste. and .I. wol that the same vestiment be mad and deliuered to the same hows of Crischerche withynne twelf moneth next after my

[1] Monk-en (cp. vix-en), monkess, nun. [2] 4400 Masses.

[3] ? meaning: Copes (as Mr. W. G. Stone suggests), or Brethren, Monks, or the like.

deces. Also .I. bequethe to the Religiouse wo*m*men, the Nonnes of the hows of seynt Eleynes of londoñ, and to the *pr*estes that longeth̃ to the same Hows, C. s'. to be departid among' hem by euene porcioñ, for to synge and rede diuiné seruice, and to praye for my lordes soule, Sir' Thomas West, and for myn, and for alle cristene soules, and for the estat of Thomas my sone, and Iohane his wif', and for her' childern. Also I. bequethe to the Religiouse Wo*m*men the Meno*ur*esses dwellyngge with̃oute algate of londoñ, C. s. to be departed amonge [hem] by euene porcioñ, for to synge and rede and to praye diuine seruice for my lordes [1]soule Sir Thomas West, and myn, and for alle cristene soules, and for the estat*es* of Thomas my sone, and Iohane his wyf, and for her children. Also .I. bequethe to the Religiouse Wo*m*men, Menchou*n*s of the Hows of Shaftebury, and to the prestes longynge to the same Hows, C. s. to be departed amonge hem by euene porcioñ, for to synge and rede diuine seruice, and to preye for my lordes soule Sir Thomas West, and for myn, and for alle cristene soules, and for the estatz of Thomas my sone & Iohane his wif, and her childreñ. Also .I. bequethe to the Religiouse wo*m*men, the Menchou*n*s of the Hows of Romeseye, and to the prestes longynge to the same Hows .C. s. . . . [Here follow like bequests of 100 *s.* each to "the Religiouse wo*m*men, Menchoñs of the Hows of Wilton" and its priests; "to the Freres Menours within Newegate of london"; "to the freres prechours with̃ynne ludgate of londoñ"; "to the freres carmes in Fletstret of londoñ"; "to the freres Augusteyns withynne Bisshopesgate of londoñ"; "to the freres *pr*echours of Wynchestre"; "to the freres Meno*ur*s of Wynchestre"; "the freres Meno*ur*s of Southamptoñ"; "the freres *pr*echours of Salesbury"; "the freres Meno*ur*s of Salesbury"; "the freres Meno*ur*s of Bristowe"; "the freres *pr*echours of Bristowe," all to pray for the Souls of Sir T. West, the testatrix, all Christians, and her Son and his family.] Also I. bequethe to the Reclus frere Thomas, atte seynt Iames in the Holte .xl. s. for to preye for my lordes soule forsayd', and myn, and for alle cristine soules, and for [2]thestat' of my sone forsayd, and Iohane his wif', and her' childreñ. Also .I. bequeth to the Hospital of seynt Marie

[1] leaf 30 back. [2] leaf 31.

Maudeleyne aboue Wynchestre xl. s. to preye for my lordes soule forseyd, and myn, and for alle cristene soules, and for the stat of my sone forseid, and Iohane his wif, and her childern. Also .I. bequethe xl. li to do make ther-with my forseyd lordes tombe, Sir Thomas West, and myn also. Also I bequethe to Elizabeth Rogers wif Newe, which that was my seruaunt somtyme .C. s'. Also I bequethe to Iuliane Arny, and to Iohn Arny her hosebonde, of dudlyntoñ .C. s. Also .I. bequethe to Richard Forstrer, which is a blynd man dwellynge in Hanefeld, that was somtyme seruaunt with my forsed lord Sir Thomas West, xx Marc. Also I bequethe to Roger, my parkere, of Ewhurst .C. s. Also I bequethe to Iohn Smart that was somtyme my forseyd lordes baillif, Sir Thomas West, atte Hempston .C. s. Also .I. bequethe to Iohn Smyth, my Reue of Trestwode .C. s. Also I. bequethe to the vicar of the Cherch of Newentoñ Valance that now is .xl. s. to preye for my lordes soule Sir Thomas West, and myn, and for alle cristene soules, and for thestatz of Thomas my sone and Iohane his wif, and her childreñ. An al the residue of my godes, after the dettys that I owe, ben quyt, and after my testament is parfourned .I. bequethe to the forsayd Thomas my sone. Also I wol and deuyse that, ware that euer I deye, my body be caried to the forsayd Priorie of Crischerch, pryuelich and with right litel cost, and ther-to beried att the ferst masse, with a taper of v pound of wax stondyng and brennyng att my heued, and another taper of .v. pound brennyng atte my fet, with-out any other cost or solempnite ydo afterward. This is myn hool wil, that this be parfourned as hit is writen her-before. An ther-to .I. make my chef executor, Thomas my sone forsayd, and executrice Iohane his wif. Mo executoris to hem I make Sir Iohn Colman, prest, Thomas Remys, steward to the lady Bemond, and Iohn Thurstoñ. Also .I. wol and ordeyne that myn executours be rewarded after the helpe that they doth of this which that is my testament, and after the goode discrecioñ of the forsayd Thomas my sone, and after that they travaille diligently with her gode wille, to helpe fulfelle thes present testament; and therto .I. charge my sone Thomas forsaid vpon my blessyng to parfourne holelich and trewlich this present testament which that is my laste wil. In witnesse of

whicħ thyng', to this testament ich haue set my sel. This was yeve and writen in the lordes In of Cherlton withoute Newgate, in the paroscħ of seynt sepulcre in the suburbe of londoñ, in the day and the yer before ysayd'. More forthere, in the same day and in the yer' of the Incarnacio*u*n of our' lord ih*es*u crist bifore sayd.

[*Codicil.* Revokes her gifts of goods to her Son and Daughter-in-law if they won't act as Executors[1]; and gives money to the other Executors who do act.]

.I. Alice West, lady of Hyntoñ Marcel befornemed, hool of my body and in good mynde, beynge mor folly avised to dispose of this testament and my laste wil, .I. wol that, if it so be that Thomas my sone forseyd, and Iohane his wif, wolle noght take the charge to be myne executors, and to parfo*ur*ne the administracion of this testament, whicħ is [my] laste wil, as it is wrete her'-before, thanne .I. wole that alle the godis whicħ that .I. haue deuysed to the forseyd Thomas my sone and Iohane his wif in this testament, be solde by myn executo*ur*s whicħ wol take the charge herof, and trewely ydo to charitable werkes for my lordes soule, Sir' Thomas West, and for myn, and for al cristene soules. Also my wil is, that if eny of myne other' executours forsaid, that is to saye, sir Iohn Colmañ, Thomas Remys, and Iohñ Thurstoñ, wol take the charge, and be myn executo*ur* by hem self, to parfo*ur*ne this testament, if so be that non of myne other' executo*ur*s wol take the charge withñ hem, thanne .I. wole, that after Thomas my sone forseyd, and Iohane his wif haue forsake to be myn executo*ur*s, that he that taketħ the charge to be myn executo*ur*, haue .xx.ti for his orwene[2] trauayle; and if tweye of hem that ben myne executours forseyd wol take the charge to-gederes of executours to parforn trewely this testament, thanne .I. wol that after Thomas my sone and Iohane his wif haue forsake to be myne executours, that they tweye that taketħ the charge to be myne trewe executours, have xx Marc' for her' trauaylle, that is [to] seye, eyther of hem x Marc'. And if so be that sir' Iohñ Colman, Thomas Remys

[1] As Sir Thos. West proved the Will (with Jn. Thurston), he and his Wife would keep their beds, books, &c.

[2] *for* owene.

and Iohn Thurstoñ, myne executours forseyd, wolle take charge to-gederes to administre and to parfourne trewly this testament as hit is writen here before / thanne .I. wole that after Thomas my sone forsayd and [1] Iohane his wif haue forsake to be myne executours, that the forseyd Sir Iohn Colmañ, Thomas Remys, and Iohn Thurstoñ, haue .xx. li for her trauaille, that is to seye, euerych of hem x Marc. Also, for hit was for-yete byfore in this testament, .I. bequethe to the Reclus of Shirbourñ, whos Surname is Arthour, xl. s. for to do and to preye as othere Reclus forseyd Shulleth don and preye. *Accepta* sunt hec, coram dicto Reuerendissimo presidente & domino Archiepiscopo, & per eum prout suprascribuntur & recitantur. Anno, Indictione, pontificatu, Mense, die & loco, predictis. Presentibus venerabilibis & discretis viris, Magistris Adam de Mottrun, Archidiacono Cantuarensi in decretis, & Waltero Gybbes in legibus licenciatis, testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter & rogatis.[2]

JOHN GIRDELER, 1402.

[Of Harefield (near Uxbridge, Middx.): to be buried at Westminster Abbey. Bequests to St. Paul's, Westminster Abbey, the parish churches of Harefield (and its poor, priest, and clerk), Ikenham, Ruislip, and Helmdon,[3] and to 120 poor bedrid folk of Westminster; and £2 to mend the road between Hillingdon and Acton.]

(Brown 1400-1418. 2 Commissary Court of London, leaf 21 back.)

In the name of god, Amen. þe xxv day of Iuyll in þe reigne of Kyng Henry, iij ȝer .I. Iohn Girdeler of Harfeld, in god mynde and saf memorye, make my testement. Ferst my soule to Almyghty

[1] leaf 31 back.

[2] See an Abstract of this Will in Nicolas's *Testamenta Vetusta*, 1826, i. 137; Collins's *Peerage*, v. 378; and an extract in Dugdale's *Baronage*, ii. 139. It was printed in the *Illustrated London News* of (?).

[3] These places are in the hundred of Elthorne, Middx., and near Uxbridge, from which town, Harefield (Virgin Mary) is 4¼ miles N., Ickenham (St. Giles) is 2¾ miles N.E., and Ruislip (St. Martin) is 3½ miles N.E.—Lewis, *Topogr. Dict.*, 1833. Helmdon, Middx., is not in Lewis, but must be near the others.

godꝺ, my body for to rest in the Chirche of Synt pietres at Westmenstre, where as þe Abbot wol asyne. And y bequethe to þe werk of Synt powles of londoñ vj s. viij d. Also y bequethe to þe Couent of Westmenstre x markꝭ. Also y bequethe for vj torchis of wax for to serue atte awter of Synt pieter in þe worschipe of godꝺ xl .s. Also y bequethe to þe pariсh chirche of Harfeldꝺ xx .s. Also y bequethe to þe heye awter of þe forseydꝺ chirсh, ij torchis of wax. for to serue in the worschip of godꝺ xiij s iiij d. Also y bequethe atte day of my terment in Harfeld, to an .C. pouere men and wommen, for þe loue of godꝺ, euerych I.ꝺ. Also y ȝeue to þe pariсh prest of Harfeld x .s. Also y ȝeue to þe clerkꝭ of þe chirсh of Harfeldꝺ xij ꝺ, And to þe sexsteyn xij ꝺ. Also y bequethe to þe pariсh chirсh of Ikenham xiij s. iiij ꝺ. Also ij. torchis of wax for to serue in þe forseyd chirche in the worschip of godꝺ xiij s. iiij ꝺ. Also y bequethꝫ to þe pariсh chirсh of Ryslepe in most worchip of godꝺ vj s. viij ꝺ Also to þe forseydꝺ chirche y ȝeue for to serue atte heye awter and in othir places of þe chirche inꝺ þe most worschip of godꝺ ij torchis of wax, pris xiij s. iiij ꝺ &c. Also y bequethe to þe parisсh chirche of Helmdoñ in most worschip of god, vj s. viij d. Also to þe forseyd Chirсh y ȝeue for to serue atte þe heye Awter and in othir place of the chirche in the most worschipe of godꝺ ij torchis of wax, pris xiij s. iiij ꝺ. Also y bequethꝫ to þe Mendyng of þe heye way be-twen Hillindoñ and Aktoñ, xl .s. Also y bequethe to vjˣˣ.[1] pouere Bedrede men & wommen where as þey may be founde þe day of my terment atte Westmenstre, or Hastelich after, euerych man and womman, for þe loue of god, iiij ꝺ. My seketours, William Kyllet of Essex, Johñ Mendam of Londoñ, Thomas Tornom of Ikenham; Johñ Cosyn of Londoñ, ouerseer, þat my wylle be fulfylꝺ in þe worschip of godꝺ. Probatum est hoc testamentum coram nobis, presidente Consistorii Londonie, vjto Idus Augusti, Aº domini Millesimo CCCCmo secundo &c. Et commissa est administracio bonorum Executoribus in dicto testamento nominatis.

[1] six score 120.

RICHARD ROOS, 1406.

[Of London; ? originally of Beverley, Yorkshire. Gifts to the poor, and to the parson (rector), priests, and clerks of his parish church (? where). £5 to his master, for neglect while he was apprentist. Gifts to the clergy and poor of St. Mary's, Beverley, and of rings &c. to friends. £50 each to Wife and son Thomas; a pipe of wine to Jn. White jun. and his wife. Residue in thirds: 1. to Testator's soul (for Masses, &c.), 1. to his wife, 1. to his son, with gifts over, if his son dies.]

(Brown (A.D. 1400-1418). 2 Commissary Court of London, leaf 75 back.)

In Dei nomine, Amen. I Richard Roos, in gode hele & mynde, Blessed be god / The Ferst day of June the [vij] yere of Kyngye Harry the fourth. y wyt my body to be beryd whare that god wyll of his Grace dyspose hyt / And at the day of my beryng, y wyll haue sayde for my sowle xiij Messez; & ther for y wyt Euery prest iiij d. Summa .iiij s, iiij d / & also y wyt to xxvj. pouere men & wymmen, euery of hem ij d, summa iiij s. iiij d / & Also y wyt to the person of my paryssh vj s. viij d / Also y wyt Euery prest of the same Kyrk xij d / Also y wyt to the clerkys of the same Kyrk ij s. Also y wyt to Iohn Wodcok my mayster, for neclygent seruyse that y dyd to hym in the tyme of my prentyshode, 3yf he wyl take hyt, v li. & 3yf he wyl nougth take hyt, y wyt hyt to my sone Thomas. Also y wyt to Iohan Dyrwyn a rynge of xx s. Also y wyt to Richard Medrose a rynge of vj s. viij d. Also y wyt to Iohan Talbot a Cuppe, pryse of xxvj s. viij d / Also y wyt Thomas Roos my brothyr, my Habyryon, & my schort swerd, & my best baselard. Also y wyt to euery prest of seynt mary Kyrk of Beuerley, for to pray for me, iiij d / Also y wyt to the vekery of the same Kyrke xij d. Also y wyt to the same Kyrke work xl. d / Also y wyt to foure clerkys of the same Kyrke xvj d. Also y wyt to xxiiij pouer men & wymmen of the same paryssh in Beuerley, iiij s. Also y wyt euery prest & Frere in Beuerley, ij d. Also y wyt to seynt gylys spetyll in Beuerley, to the pouer folk ij s'. Also y wyt to the

spetyH of Richard of Beuerley, xij d. Also y wyt to the seruauntys of Iohan Wodcok in hys hous xx s'. at the wyH of myne Executouris. Also y wyt to Iohan Watley, Richard Gy, Martyn Killum, Nicholas Walsyngham, Iohan Bele, Thomas Halle, Iohan Grene, Thomas Scheddysford, Iohan Wellys, Robard Kemp, Marigeri Walsyngham, Agnes Bele, Ionet Denerston, Mawde Denton, Margarete Strauston, Alson talbot, Laurans Hampton & eius vxori, Richard Euerard & eius vxori, Thomas Waddon, Iohan Typpop, Robard Myddylton, ylk man & woman of hem in sute a rynge of xl d. Also y wyt to Mawde my wyfe .L. ti. Also y wyt to Thomas my son .l. ti.; & 3yf my son dye, than y wyH that my wyfe haue xx ti: & the xx Mark over, y wyH that hyt be dysposyd at the wyH of Thomas Roos to owre Susterys Chyldryn. Also y wyt syr perys Geneyn a cuppe of xx s'., or xx s'. [leaf 76, iij f.] Also y wyt to Iohan Whyte the yongger, & to hys wyfe, a pipe of wyne, prys of xl s'. Also y wyt to the seruauntys in the hous of Iohan Whyte, that ys for to say, prentyse Lowys & othyr seruauntys, at the Dysposyng of Thomas Roos, xx s'. Also y wyt to Robard Rechemond my Cosyn, xl s. worth of harneys, or xl s. And aH the remenauntys of my godys, y wyH they be preysyd & parttyd in thre: on part for to be don for my soule, & that other part to my wyfe / & the threde to my son or to my children; & 3yf my son die, than y wyH that hys part of the remenauntys be partyd in thre, on part for hys soule, & on part to his modyr, & the thyrde part to my kyn that pouer men wymmen or chyldryn ben / at the dysposicion of myn Executours. Wretyn at London the 3ere & the Day for-sayde; Thomas Roos, Maude Roos my wyfe, & Iohan Talbot, myne Executorys / In gode tyme also y wyH that my son be at gouernaunce, wyth that Gode that he has, at the wyH of Thomas Roos be-fore AH othyr men or wymmen that leuyn, & yef outgh come to Thomas Roos, than y pray Iohan Wodcok to se to my son, that he be nat lost. Also y wyt to Thomas Steuenes, A baselard, or x s'. Also y wyt to Elyse Dauy .v. ti / Also y wyt to Robard Torre, xl s'. Also y wyt to the maryage of Avys Garton, x Mark. Item othyr seruauntys [in] my hous xiij s. iiij d / probatum fuit hoc testamentum coram nobis, presidente Consistorii londonie, sede vacante, iiij idus Junij, Anno domini Millesimo CCCC^mo

sexto. Et comissa est administracio &c Matildi, Relicte & Executrici, in dicto testamento superius nominata, et admissa per eandem in forma iuris prestito, primitus &c. Facultate committenda consimilem administracionem bonorum huius Thome Roos et Iohanni Talbot / coexecutoribus eciam in dicto testamenento nominatis, cum eam venerunt admissuris[1] nobis specialiter reseruata /

[*later*] Adueniente vero iiij^to^ kalendarum Augusti, Anno domini Millesimo CCCC^mo^ nono, Commissa fuit Administracio &c Thome Roos, Executori supra nominato, per Magistrum Jacobum Gale, Commissarium londonie. Et per eundem admissa in forma iuris &c, presentibus Margreta Roberto Esebach, & laurencio Hampton, & Alijs.

JOHN PLOT (*or* ROUWENHOLE, *or* ROUWENHALE), 1408.

[Citizen and Maltman of London, widower and childless (?). All estate to services and the poor, with a few legacies to friends. Executor to pay a Priest for 3 years £20, and to keep the Testator's 'year's mind'—Anniversary Solemn Service—for 20 years after his death, and give 40*d.* to the poor, and 40*d.* for bread and ale at his *Dirige*. 10 marks for Maidens on their Marriage; £3 for meat and drink for Neighbours; £5 to mend bad roads between London and Ware.]

(Brown (A.D. 1400-1418). 2 Commissary Court of London. xxxiij, f., lf. 138.)

In the name of god, Amen. And Also y, Iohn plot, Citaysyn and Maltman of london, beynge In gode Mende, In the day of translacion of seynt Martyn Byshoppe, the 3ere of Owre lord god M^o^ CCCC^o^ & viij / And the 3ere of the Reygne of Kyng henre the iiij^e^ aftir the conquest ix^e^. My wyll ys thys, that Robert pygeon, Citaysyn & draper of london, Somtyme Cosyn to Alys my wyue,—that god haue Mercy on her sowle & on all Cristyn sowlys,—that he take ful Charge & ful ministracion of al my godys, In whos handys & kepyng where they been / And Also the same Robert fulfelle alle my wylle a-fore the date of thys / And Also my wyll ys thys. that he

[1] MS. admissur'.

& his Executours, other' hys assyngnes, haue gouernance of my prest / & for to paye to the same prest for the terme of thre 3ere After my deses, 3yf he be of good conuersacion, & Cunne devyne seruyse, xx. ti. And 3yf hit so be the contrarie, y wil that he be put owte of hys seruice, & take yn A betyr be the Same Robert Pygeon), & be his Executours, othir be hys assyngnys / And thys ys my wyH. And Also my wyH ys, that the Same Robert pygeon), hys Executours & his assygnys haue gouernans & rewlyng' of my obytis, that ys for to sayn), my 3erys mynde, xx wynter Af[t]er my deses / And my wyl ys, for to be do for my sowle, & for the Sowle of Alys my wyue, & for all Cristyn) sowlys, with solempne seruise, that ys for to sayn), wyth Belle Ryngyng', deryge be note, & Masse of requiem be note. & y wyH that the person) of the same Churche as for that tyme, haue iiij d, & euery prest and clerkys haue ij d. & Also my wyl ys that there be delyd that Same Daye to the pouer peple xl d, And Also payde for brede & Ale to Spende atte my dyryge, xl. d. And Also my wyl ys thys, that Iohn) White, Alys KamerweH / Mavde White, Margarete Herelowe, [*leaf* 138, *back*] Wedue, have A-3ens the day of my terment, gownes of russet, with hodys of the same clothe. And also my wyH ys thys, that Alys, the seruaunt of Mawde White, haue a bras pot for her' gode seruices / Also my wyl ys, that Mawde White be rewardyd for Here gode kepyng', & for the gode loue that Sche hath Schewyd to me, be the discrescion) of Robert pygeon), myn) Executour & ouerseer of my testament & of my last wyH / Also my wyH ys, that Iohn) Walgraue, seruaunt of Wyllyam fondour, haue of my gode iij s'. iiij d / Also my wyH ys, that Maydenys of gode name & of gode fame haue x Marc' of my gode to here Mariage, atte the dysposicion) of Robert pygeon) / Also my wyl ys, that thyr be Spendyth among' my Nyebours in Mete & in drynke A-bowte the riche, & on the pouere of my[n]de, iij^{li}. And Also hit ys my wyl that hit be, be the wyH & be the devyce of Robert pygeon); & that y wyl that he haue for hys labour more than he ys nemnyd a-fore the date of thys, xx s'. And that he do be me, as he wolde y dede by hym, As he wyl Answere atte day of dome. And thys ys my last wyl, y-wrete In the day & 3ere A-bovyn) y-sayde. Also my wyl ys thys, that [ther] be yspendyth betwene London) and ware, of fowle weys, of

my good, there most nede ys, C s'.: & thys ys my wyH Record on Mawd White And Margarete Herlowe, wedewe. *Pro*batus fuit iste codicillus coram nobis, Jacobo Gale, cl*er*ico Reu*erendo* in *christo* patris & d*omi*ni &c, Co*m*missario gen*er*ali, *per* Matildem White & Margaretam Herlowe, Mulieres testes in hac p*ar*te p*ro*ductos, & in forma iuris iurat*as* & diligent*er* exa*m*inat*as* in p*re*sencia Ioh*ann*is Conyesburgh, vni*us* Execut*orum* test*amenti*, siue vlt*imis* [so] voluntat*is* d*omini* (Iohn Rouwenhole alias) Ioh*ann*is Rouwenhale al*ias* d*icti* plot, maltman, dicentis se, nichil dic*ente* contra d*ictum* codicillum nec huiusmodi testes, & reputantur ipsos fore veros, xiij k*alendarum* Ianuarii, Anno d*omi*ni M° CCCC^mo^ Octauo. Et co*m*missa est Admin*istracio* omn*ium* bonor*um*, d*ictum* defu[n]ctum & ipsius p*resenti*s codicillum co*n*cernencium, Rob*er*to pygeon, Executori in d*icto* codicillo inter*ius* no*mina*to, & Admissa *per* eund*em* in forma iuris.

ROBERT AUERAY, 1410.

[Of the Cordwainer's Company, London. To be buried at St. Clement's, Strand. Gifts of 2 gowns and hoods of the Cordwainer's livery. Money to the 4 Orders of Friars to say 4 *Diriges* at St. Clement's and St. Dunstan's, bread and ale being given away at them. Residue to Wife.]

(Brown (A.D. 1400-1418). 2 Commissary Court of London, f°. xxxvj^to^, lf. 199, back.)

In dei no*mi*ne, Amen. I, Robert Au*er*ay: Ferst y be-queþe my soule to god and to our lady, and to AH the companye of heuen, and my body to ben y-beryed in the Cherch of seynt Clement*is* wythowtyn Templebarr at London. Also y be-queþe to the werk of the same Church xij. d. Also y be-queþe to Will*iam* Begelon a grene Gowne and a hoyd *per*cyd wyth Ray, of the Cordywyn*er*ys leu*er*ay / y be-queþe to Freres Carmes[1] off London .ij.s.vj.d, And þat they sey a

[1] To the Carmelite or White Friars—the Friars of Our Lady on Mount Carmel, founded 1160 A.D., and cald 'Maries men,'—Edw. I. gave ground in Fleet Street to build their Houses on in 1241.

The Friars-Preachers, Jacobins, or Dominicans—founded by St. Dominic,

diryge for my soule in the Churcħ of Seynt Clement*is*, and syngge for me also / y be-queþe to the freres *pre*choures *with*-yn ludgate / ij s'. vj d' in þe same manere for to seyn a deryge in seynt Clement*is* Cherch̄ / Al-so y be-queþe to the frere menou*res* ij. s'. vij. d' for to seyn a deryge for me in seynt Dunstanes Church̄ in þe West, and to syngge for me al-so / y be-queþe the Frere Austynes ij s' vj d' for to seyn for me a dirige in seynt Dunstones Church̄ in the west, and for to sy*ng* for me / Also y be-queþe to Joħon Wyot a gowne and a hoyd of þ^e^ Cordewane*res* leue*r*ay of .ij. Coloures, and also a postnet þ*at* y lent hym / Also y be-queþe to herry Cole, a blewe gownne and peyr' of Rede hosyn / Also y be-queþe al þe Resydue of my godys to Ione my wyff', for to beyn myn̄ Executorice Cheff, and Ioħn Rob*er*t of londo*n*̄ / for to ben Executo*ur* wyth̄ her' / & y be-queþe to the same Ioħn Robert / iij. s. iiij d' for hys trauayl, doyng for me as he wyH ansuere by-fo*re* god / Also y be-queþe xl. penyworth̄ bred, & I kylderkyn of ale, to be spended At my dirige in sent clement church̄, & xl. d' worth̄ bred & a kylderkyn of ale, to seint Dunstones in þ^e^ same man*er*. I-wreten at londo*n*̄ þ^e^ ferst day of may in þ^e^ 3er of oure kyng, xij. In wytnesse of þis dede, I. haue set þ*er*to me sel. Also I wele þ*at* Herry cole, taylo*ur*, duellyng wyt-outen temple barre, be on of myne executo*urs*, & I be-queþe to hym, þe same herry cole, for hys tr*a*uayle .iij. s. iiij d'. P*ro*batum.—iij Kln̄ Junij, Anno d*omi*ni M^o^ CCCC^o^ xj . . . Executoribus . . . Et ij^e^ Idus Iulij . . . Ioh*ann*e Exec*utrice* . . .

a Spaniard, in 1206—were cald Black Friars from their dress. They came to England in 1221, had their first House in Holborn,—afterwards turnd into Lincoln's Inn,—and the site of their second House near Baynard's Castle (part of the present Blackfriars) was given them in 1276 by the Mayor and Barons of London.

The Austin Friars' Church was founded in Broad Street Ward (near the present N. London Railway Station) in 1253. The Order dates from A.D. 1150.

The Friar Minors, Franciscans, or Grey Friars—founded by St. Francis of Assisi in 1209—first establisht Houses in England in 1224. Their chief House was afterwards turnd into Christ's Hospital, the Blue-coat School in Newgate St.

SIR WM. LANGEFORD, KNIGHT, 1411.

[Gives household stores, chattels, and growing crops, to his Wife, with a coffer. To his son Robert, a bed, and armour. To sons William and Henry, armour, &c. £100, and the money from land sold, as a marriage portion (in Executors' hands), to his daughter Isabel. Small sums to the Poor, to mending of Ways, and to Servants. A manor and advowson to son William. Another advowson, and a rent-charge, to son Henry. No benefit to any devisee disputing the will. Wife to manage sons' estates till sons are 18 years old. Residue to Wife. Feoffees (Trustees) of land to carry out the Will.]

Book *March*, leaf 187 (in quire 24). Prerogative Court.

[1]In dei no*mine* Amen, vicesimo quarto die Mens*is* Augusti, Anno d*omi*ni M°. CCCC^mo^. xj^mo^. Anno regni Reg*is* Henr*ici* quarti post conquestum, duodecimo. Ego, Will*elmus* Langeford, Miles, compos 4 ment*is* q*ua*muis egrotus corp*ore*, condo testamen*tum* meu*m* in hunc modu*m*. In p*ri*mis lego an*im*am meam deo, corpus q*ue* meum ad sepeliend*um* in ecc*les*ia de Bradfeld[2], videlic*et* in Capella *sancti* Andree. Item lego fabrice ecc*les*ie Cathedral*is* Sarum .vj. s. viij d. 8 Item lego ad repa*racion*em Capelle p*redicte* quadraginta solidos. Also y be-qweythe to lucye my wyfe, alle my store and catall quykk and ded in Bradfeld[2] and Compton[3], w*ith* alle þ^e^ vtensyl of myn hows, þat ys to say, in halle, in Chambre, in Pantrie and Botrie, in larder and 12 Kechyn, w*ith* alle hire apparure, þat ys to say, in cloþing, rynges, and alle oþer ornamentes, what so þey be, w*ith* alle þ^e^ hay and corn of þis ȝhere growyng, reseruynge þ^e^ hold greynys to myn executours to p*er*forme my wylle. Also y be-queythe a cofere w*ith* þe godes þer-in 16 in warde of laurens dru in Southcote[4], to þe forseyd lucie my wyfe,

[1] 'Sturgeon' is in the margin.

[2] Bradfield (St. Andrew), a parish in the hundred of Theale, co. Berks, 8 miles W. of Reading. Rectory in archdeaconry of Berks, and diocese of Salisbury.—Lewis.

[3] ? Compton-Beauchamp, in the hundred of Shrivenham, co. Berks, 6½ miles S. by W. from Great Farringdon. Rectory in the archdeaconry of Berks, and diocese of Salisbury.—Lewis.

[4] Southcot, a tything in the hundred of Reading, Berks, 1½ miles W.S.W. of Reading.—Lewis.

vn-to hire *pro*pre vse. Also y be-queythe to Rob*ert*, myn heldest soñ, a reed bedde of worsteyd, *with* costers *þat* langyth̄ *þere*-to, enbrawde *with* whyte fete, *with* a canvase, a materas, a pare of Blankett*es* .ij. pare of schetys; Also a basynet *with* a ventaile, a pare of vambrace and rerebrace, a pare of legge herneys, an holle brest-plate, a paunce of stele, a pare glovis of plate white. Also to Elyzabeth̄, wyfe of *þe* forseyd Robert, a boorde clo*þe* *with* .ij. towell*es* of deuaunt of oo sute. Also y be-queyth̄ to William my soñ, an aburioun of stele *with* a pallett*e* cou*er*te *with* reede velwett*e*, a pare of glovys of plate blacke. Also to Henr*e* my son, an aburioun, a ketil Hatte. Also y be-queyth̄ to ysabell my dowt*er*, an .C. pounde to hir mariage, of whiche so*m*me ys owynge to me, to be payd, an .C. Mark by *þ*e handes of my lady loueH, and by the handes of William Tann*er* of Ersgarston .xxvj. Mark. vj .s'. viij d, and *þ*e remnaund to be payid of my godes *þat* leuyth̄. Also y wylle *þat* be gevoñ to pore men, in almes, to *pray* for me, .iiij. Mark, and in eme*n*dynge of weys lyand a-bowt *þe* man*er*e of Bradfeld, .ij. Marc. Also y be-queyth̄ to Thomas Eyre my *ser*uaunde .vj. s'. viij. d. Henr*e* .Soon .xl. [d]. William Hereward .ij. s'. Iohn Oxerd .xl. d. Peris Smyth̄ *þe* yongar, .xl. d. Iohn Sce*per*d .v. s'. Iohn of *þe* Kechyn .xl. d. Robert CokeneH .ij. s'. Iohn Goky .xx. d. William Chesc .ij. s'. Robert of *þe* Stabul .xx. d. Huge *Par*may .xl. d. Iohn Turnour, Carter .v. s'. Iohn hayward .vj. s'. viij. d. William Burgeys and ys wyfe .xl. s'. Thomas Boteler .vj. s'. viij. d. Wylliam of Chestir-shire .v. s'. Thomas Capent*er* .xl. d. Mawde my *ser*uaunt, to hire mariage .xx. s'. Iohon. Oxerd. xl. d. Beatrice my *ser*uaunde .vj. s. viij. d. Also y wille *þat* alle *þ*e londes and tenementes in Schyffeld, Burfeld, Sulh*a*mstade Abbis, *with* *þe* mede clepyd Tybbeney in Ostoñ, of my purchas, stondynge in feffies handes, be sold, and *þ*e Silu*er* *þere*-of spendyd to *þe* avauncement of lucie, my dowt*er*, and yf she be conably a-vaunsyd *with* les so*m*me, y wille *þat* *þ*e surplus be doñ for my soule. Also y wille *þat* *þ*e forseyd sale of my londes and tenem*en*t*es* in Scheffeld. Burfeld. and Sulh*a*mstade Abbis, be made principaly to my wyfe and myne heiris, geuynge *þer*-fore os an o*þer* man wille. Also y wille *þat* William myn son haue *þe* man*er* of Chale, *with* alle *þe* purtenaunce bey*n*g*e* in fefyes handes, *with*

a-vowsoñ of þe Chyrche in þe Ile of Wyght, to him & to hys heirs of ys body lawfully be-gotoñ; and yf he deie wyth-owte heire lawfully of ys body begetoñ, þanne wille y þe forseyd man*er* w*ith* appurtenaunce, remayne to Henr*e* ys bro*þer*, and to þe heirs of ys body lawfully gotoñ; and yf þe forseyd Henr*e* deie w*ith*-owt issue leful of ys body gotoñ, thanne wille y þ*at* þe forseyd man*er* w*ith* appurtenauns, remayne to me and myn*e* heirs. Also y wille þ*at* Henr*e* my son*e* have .x. Marc*is* worth londe ȝhely [1] to hym and to ys heirs leful of ys body, of þe londes and þe rentes in þe Counte of deuon-schir*e*, beynge in fefees handes, with a-vowsoune of þ^e^ chirche of Mounkcocamtoñ; and for defawt of issue comynge of þ^e^ forseyd henr*e*, y wille þ*at* yt remayne to william ys bro*þer*, and to ys heirs of ys body. And for defawte of issue of þe forseyd William, y wille þ*at* þe remaynder be to my ryte heirs. I pray yow also þat ben my Feffees, þ*at* ȝe make estate vn-to my forseyd chyldre, lucie, henr*e*, and william, lyke as my wylle ys be-fore conteynyd. Also y wille þ*at* Thom*as* Rawfe, my ser*u*aund, haue .ij. Marc*es* ȝhely [2] durynge ys lyfe, takynge yt of þe londes and rentes in deuen-schyre beynge in fefees handes, takynge a distresse in defawte of payment. Also my wille ys, þ*at* yf my wyfe or my chyldre askuñ here resnable part of my godes aft*ur* cours of lawe, þan wille y þ*at* þey be excludyd of alle þe avauntage of þe ordinauns of my wylle above y-seyd. Also my wille ys, þat þe silu*er* þ*at* schal be reseyvyd for þe londes & tenemen*t*es þat y haue be-fore asyngnyd for þe avaunscement of lucie my dowt*er*, þ*at* hyt a-byde in þe handes of myn executours to fulfyl my wille. Also y wille, tochaunde þe londes þe weche y haue asynyd to william my son*e*, þ*at* lucie my wyf have gou*er*nauns þ*er*-of, and þe pr*o*fete, vn-to þe forseyd william be of age .xviij. ȝhere. And also of þe londes þ*at* ben assyngnyd to henr*e*, þ*at* my wyfe have þ^e^ governauns and þe pr*o*fyte of, vn-to þe forseyd henre be of age .xviij. ȝher*e*. Also y wylle þat þe .C. li. wyche y have assyngnyd for ysabell my dowt*er*, to hire a-vaunsement, and it falle þ*at* sche deie or scheo be a-vaunc*e*yd, þan wille y þ*at* þe forseyd .C. li. be don for my sowle. þ^e^ residue of alle my godes, my dett*es* furst payd, and my wille holly fulfyllid as ys by-fore wreton), y wylle þat yt remayne to þe

[1] yearly. [2] yearly.

forseyd lucie my wyfe. and y pray alle 3ow þat bene enfeffeed in my londes forseyd by me, þat 3e fulfylle my forseyd wylle os 3e wylle answere a-fore god. Ad execucionem vero huius testamenti mei faciendam, ordino et constituo executores meos, laurencium dru, willelmum Stookes, Robertum Clerke, Rectorem ecclesie de Bradfeld, et Iohannem Iacob. Datum die et Anno supradictis.

probatum fuit hoc precedens testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne perche, Commissario &c primo die Mensis Octobris, Anno domini M° CCC. xj. et quibuscunque, probacione &c, per dominum Robertum Sarum Episcopum cassata &c, et commissa est administracio omnium bonorum dicti defuncti, quibusdam Roberto Clerk, Rectori ecclesie parrochiane de Bradfeld, Sarum diocese, & Iohanni Iacob, Executoribus &c. laurencio dru, Executori eciam in ipso testamento nominato, coram dicto Commissario personaliter comparenti, onus administracionis &c expresse recusavit &c Reseruata potestate cuidam willelmo Stokes &c Et subsequenter, viz. x die Mensis decembris A° domini predicto, prefatus Commissarius acquietavit prefatos Robertum Clerk & Iohannem Iacob, &c.

RICHARD YONGE, Brewer, OF LONDON, 1413.

[To be buried at St. Dunstan's in the West. Gifts to that Church, and its Priests. 20*s.* to Mother. Apprentice to be let off 2 years of his term, and have a grain vessel (?), &c. Son William to have pots, a pan, and a bed. Residue to Wife and Son.]

(Brown 1400-1418. 2 Commissary Court of London, leaf 263.)

In the name of god, Amen. Millesimo CCCC xiij, I, Richard 3onge, Brewer of London), be-set my testament in thys maner: fyrst, I be-quethe my Soule to God al-my3ty, an tho[1] our lady seynt Mary, an to al the fayr company of heuene; an my body tho be byret in the chirche 3erd of Seynt Donstones in the West. al-so y be-quethe to the hye Auter of the same churche, for oblacions for-etyn[2], xij d. al-so y be-quethe to the sayd churche warkis, vj s. viij d. al-so y

[1] *tho* is *to*; *an* is *and*. [2] *for-etyn* is *forgotten*.

be-quethe to the prestes an the Clerkys that mynystre in the for-sayd churche, by euen porcyon) a-mong hem, iij s. iiij d. al-so, yf ther may be spared so moche of my gode after my dedtis an rement of my testament be fulfyllyt, y wyl that my moder haue xx^{s}. Al-so [y] wyl that Ion), my prentys, haue a reles of to ȝer of hys hol termys, of thys condicyon), that he be gode an trewe to my wyf. al-so y be-quethe to the for-sede Ion), I graners, an a flot, an a planer. al-so y be-quethe tho William my sone, a new bras pot, an a panne, an a bedde, an a potel pot of peuwter. the residue of my gode, y be-quethe tho Amys my wyf, an my son), to kepe hem boþ wyt. al-so y make [*lf.* 263 *back*] Richard Roos, Glouer, & Joñ man), Corwaner, myn executou[r]s; & ayder of hem to haue for ther trayuayH, a gode bow.

Probatum est hoc testamentum coram nobis. Testm) &c ij^{e} kln) Octobris, Anno supra dicto. Et commissa est administracio omnium bonorum &c Executoribus supra dictis.

THOS. WALWAYN, ESQ., OF MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE, 1415.

[*Testament of the Personalty.*]

[One-third of sale-money of some land, to make the steeple of Marcle Church, one-third to poor Prisoners (debtors), ⅛th to neighbouring Poor, ⅛th for the Marriage of young Women. 1000 Masses to be said. Restitution to be made for wrong-doing. Wife to have household goods, cloven-footed beasts, and corn. Burial to be without useless pomp. Legacies to Children, &c. Both Testament and Will have been printed in some book on the Walwayn family, Appx. p. 63-4.]

Book 'March' (Prerog. Court), leaf 253.

IN dei nomine Amen, &c' Ego, Thomas Walwayn, condo testamentum in hunc modum: In primis, lego animam meam deo omnipotenti, corpus-que meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia de Michel Marcle,[1] retro patrem & matrem meos. Item lego ecclesie Cathedrali

[1] *Much Marclé* (St. Bartholomew), a parish in the hundred of Greytree, co. Hereford, 5 miles S.W. by W. from Ledbury, in the archdeaconry and diocese of Hereford.—Lewis.

Herefordens*i* .C. s'. Item volo q*uod* Capellanus Canter*ie*, p*er* feoffat*os* meos fundate, statim celebret cotidie in eccles*ia* p*redicta* p*ro* a*nima* mea & a*nimabus* patris [&] mat*ris* meor*um*, & a*nimabus* Antecessor*um* meor*um*. Item volo q*uod* tercia p*ars* monete [1]that may be hade of 4
Dene and Chalford[2] be sette by myn executo*urs* vppon the makyng of the stepeH of the chirche of Marcle; the second p*ar*te of the same goud, I wolle that hit helpe nede men oute of pryson, by the dysposic*ion* of myn Executo*urs*, þ*er* most nede is; þ^e remenant y 8
wolle hit be p*ar*ted on tweyne: halfe to the pores nedy folk that bun yn Marcle paryssh, Kempeley, Dymmok, Ledbury, Aylton, Preston, Putley, Wolfhope, Solershope, and HowecapeH[3]; And þ*at* other half be ȝeifi to the maryage of yonge pore wommen[4] yn the 12
same paryssh*es* by the disposic*ion* of myn executo*urs* / and I wolle that ther be .x. M^l. masses Isayde for me of gode p*re*stes with aH hast, and my dette payed, and restituc*ion* made ther eny wronge may be Ifounde be donn, (as I trust to god but lituH,) by myn executo*urs*. 16
And I woH that IsabeH my wyfe haue aH the necessaries, clothes, braas, and oth*er* instrumen*tes* of aH myn houshold', And aH cloue-fote bestes that I haue, And aH my corne growyng and yn bernes atte Mercle and atte Massyngton, oute take xl. q*ua*rters of wete reser*ued* 20
to fullfeH with my wille, And an .C. mark of money. And I woH that[5] my enterement be holde with oute pompe, whyche may not p*ro*fyt myn soule. And I woH that Ric*hard* my son haue tweyne my best hors, And .xl. pounde. Also I. wolle that Cristian my 24
doughter haue to here mariage an .C. li of the profit*es* of longeford'; Maclun and William, eu*er*ychon of hem .xx mark. Item lego p*riori* Magne Malu*er*ne .xl. li. Item lego Will*el*mo Walwayn, fratri meo

[1] The English part of the Latin Testament begins.

[2] These lands are directed by the Testator's English *Will*, to be sold by his Executors, to fulfil his Testament: see p. 25, at foot.

[3] In Glo'stershire are, *Kempley*, 5½ m. N.W. by N. from Newent; *Dymock*, 3¾ m. N.N.W. from Newent; *Ledbury*; and *Aylton*, 4¼ m. W. from Newent; and one *Putley*, W. of Aylton, and 5¾ m. W. from Ledbury. Another *Putley* is a township in the parish of *Woolhope*, co. Hereford, which is probably Wolfhope of our text, 7¾ m. W. by S. from Ledbury. *How-Caple* is in Herefordshire, 6 m. N.N.E. from Ross. *Sollers Hope* is west of Much Marcle, 7½ m. N. by E. from Ross, and a little farther S.W. of Ledbury.

[4] leaf 253, back.

[5] MS. that that.

.xx li. [*Here follow other bequests, the appointment of executors*—his wife Isabella (chief), John Walwayn of Stoke, testator's nephew Thomas, son of his said brother William Walwayn, John Prat, chaplain, Richard Pecok, chaplain, & John Bullok—*&c. all in Latin.*] Dat*um* die martis in *festo* sancti Gregorii p*a*pe, Anno d*omi*ni Mill*e*simo Quadringentesimo quartodecimo.

[*Will of the Realty in Feoffees' hands.*]

[Wife to have for life, lands in Marcle, Ledbury and Eastnor. On her death, Marcle lands to son Richard in tail, with remainder to nephew Thomas, and then nephew William, both in tail. Ledbury and Eastnor lands to son Maclun in tail, with remainder to son William in tail, remainder to testator in tail. Son Richard and his wife Clemence, to have other lands, in tail, with remainder to nephew Thomas in tail, &c. Other land, to found a perpetual chantry. Thatley and Farley, to son Maclun in tail, with remainder to son William in tail, &c. Butterley and the Fen to son William in tail, with remainder to son Maclun in tail, &c. Longford to be held for 20 years by the Feoffees, and its profits (with sale-monies of Dean and Chalford) paid to testator's Executors to fulfil his Testament with. After the 20 years, Longford to go to Wife for life, with remainder to son William in tail, then to son Maclun in tail. Aylton to son Richard.]

The Wille of Th*omas* Walwayn to his feoffes of his londes yn eu*eri* place yn Engelond, qwyche the forsaide Th*omas* requyreth his feoffes that they p*er*forne as they wolle ansswere a-fore god atte the day of dome. And for all the trust that he hath yn hem, ffurst I. wolle that ȝe make Isabelle, my weyf, goud estat of the londes rent*es* that ȝe bun feoffed In, yn Marcle paryssh, Ledebury paryssh, and Estnore[1], to holde hit to t*er*me of here lyue; the remayndre, after her deces, of the londes in Marcle and Marcle paryssh, to Ric*hard* my son), and to hers of his body frelych be-gotun for eu*er*more; p*our* defaut of issu, to the hers of the body of the forsaide Th*omas* W*alwayn* be-getun; And for de-faut of issu of Th*omas*, to W*illiam* Walwayn), brother of the forsayd Th*omas* W*alwayn*, and to hers of his body frelych be-getun for eu*er*more. the remayndre of the londes yn ledebury and ledbury paryssh, and Estnore, to Maclun my sone, and the hers of his body frelych be-gete; for defaut of issu of Maclun, to William my sone, and to the hers of his body frelych

[1] *Eastnor*, a parish in the hundred of Radlow, co. Hereford, 2¼ m. S.E. by E. from Ledbury, Herefordshire.—Lewis.

be-gete for euermore; and for defaut of issu of the forsaid W. my sone, remayndre to the hers of my body frelychꝫ be-gete &c, vt supra. Also I wolle that his feoffes enfeofe Richard his sone, and clemens his wyfe, yn Kynegespeawyn, hyde, Byllyngeslond yn Rwaren), the rent that he boght atte Horcle, to haue to hem, and to the hers bytwex hem tweyn frelychꝫ be-gete, for euermore; for defaut of issu by-twex hem be-gete, the remayndre to the hers of Thomas Walwaynes body be-gete, &c, vt supra. Also I wolle that my feoffes, 3e geuyn Braynesplace and Coycellesplace Bevlmulle (?)[1], the lond atte Dymmokeschasteꝫ,[2] yn-to a chaunterie yn marclechyrchꝫ, by the dysposicion of my executours, for a prest to seynge ther perpetually. Also I. wolle that my feoffes mak estat to Maclun my sone, of Thatteley and Farley,[3] to hym and to the hers of his body; for defaut of the forsaide Maclun, to William my sone, and to the hers of his body frelychꝫ be-gete; for de-faut of issu, &c, vt supra. Also I wolle that my forsaid feoffes make estat of Butterley and of the fenne, to [4]William my sone, and to the hers of his body frelychꝫ be-gete; for defaut of issu of William, to Maclun and to the hers, &c, vt supra, Remanere. Also I. wolle that my feoffes kepun Longeford yn here honde thys .xx. 3eres, delyueryng the profites ther-of to my executours to fulfille-wythꝫ my testament. And after the .xx. 3eres termined, I. wolle that Isabelle my weyf [haue] it to terme of her lyue wythꝫ-oute empeschement of wast; the remayndre, after deces of here, to Wylliam my sone, and to hers of his body frelychꝫ be-getun; for defaut of William my sone, to maclun and to the hers of his body frelychꝫ be-getun: for defaut of issu of maclun, &c, vt supra. Also I wolle that of my londe of Dene and Chalford,[5] I wolle hit be

[1] read 'Ceycells place, Beblemulle' in a former print.

[2] ? in *Dymock* (St. Mary), a parish in the hundred of Botloe, co. Glo'ster, 3¾ m. N.N.W. from Newent.—Lewis.

[3] *Farley* may be *Farlow*, in the parish of Stottesden, 5¼ m. N.W. by N. from Cleobury Mortimer, in Herefordshire.—Lewis.

[4] leaf 254.

[5] *Dene* may be *Mitchell* (A.Sax. *mycel*, great) *Dean*, the chief town of the Forest of Dean, a market-town and parish in Glostershire, 11 m. W. of Glo'ster, or *Little Dean*, on the verge of the forest, 1¾ m. N.W. by N. from Newnham, Glostershire.—Lewis.

Chalford may be Chalford in the parish of Bisley, Glostershire, 4 m. S.E. by E. from Stroud.—Lewis.

sholde by myn executours to fullefille wyth̄ my testament. Also Aylton̄ remayneth̄ to Richard my sone.

[*Codicil, in Latin.*]

Memorandum, *quod* Thomas Walwayn̄. Armiger, de Comitatu Hereford', compos mentis, decimo nono die mensis maij, Anno *domini* Millesimo .CCCC. quintodecimo, recitans se nuper fecisse et condidisse suum testamentum super disposicione bonorum suorum, ad idem testamentum, per viam Codicilli, superaddebat & voluit quod [&c. appoints his son Richard one of his executors, &c.].

(Testament, Will & Codicil, proved by Isabella the widow, & Richard the son, on May 20, 1416; "and afterwards on 21 May a Commission was directed to the Prior of Great Malvern to make a Grant to the other Executors.—(*Folio* 32 *Marche*, C. P. C.)."

THOMAS BROKE, LANDOWNER, OF HOLDITCH, THORNCOMBE, DEVONSHIRE, 1417.

[To be buried in Thorncombe Church, under a plain flat stone; not in a coffin, but only a cloth; and no feast to be held. But 300 Poor to be fed, and have 3*d.* each, and 300 Children 1*d.* Poor tenants to have £20 among em; the poorest tenant £100; and £10 and more to go as restitution for wrong-doing. £100 to poor Blind and Lame. Residue to Wife.]

(March, leaf 316, back, Prerog. Court.)

In the name of the Lorde of all Lordes, the almyȝty ymmortal Trinite, I, wrichyd Synner', Thomas Broke, in gode Mynde, and out of Sekenesse, make my testament', ȝyf it be the will of god, in this maner', prayng him, of his hye yndelesse mercy, fouchesafe to receyue my wreched vnclene soule in-to his mercy, and kepe hyt fram dampnacion, for the meke passyoun and deth̄ that his debonure sonne, oure lord Ihesu Crist', Soffred on̄ the Crosse for Cherite & pety of mankynd'. And my will is, that my body be Beryed in the Chirch̄ey of the Paryshchurch of Thornecombe[1], as men goth̄ ouer'

[1] *Thorncombe* (St. Mary), a parish (formerly a market-town) forming a detacht portion of the hundred of Axminster, co. Devon, 6½ m. S.W. by W. from Axminster. The owner of the old Cistercian Abbey at Ford in this parish, 'holds a court at Holditch' (see page 27).—Lewis.

in-to [1]þe churcħ at þe Southħ Syde, ryȝte as they mowe stappe on me / and a flat' playne stone, saue my name ygraued þar'-In, that men mowe the rather' haue mynde on me, and pray for me. And nether' wheche[2], ne leede, to be leyde in / bote a grete Clothe to hely my foule Caryin; and of Torches, bote .iij., and .iij. taprys; Ande no fest' noþer' terment' yholdȝ, bot .iij., Masses atte my buryyng', saue CCC poure men schullen haue mete & drynke ynowe, and euery man and woman of ham .iij. dȝ, & euery chyldȝ of .CCC. Childerne .I. [dȝ], yf þer be so many Childerne / and .xiij. poure men clothedȝ in Russett ylynedȝ witt white, and euery of ham to haue .viij dȝ / and I bequethe to my poure tenauntes of Holdycħ, Hotham, Cherd[3], Cotteleygħ[4], & Wycrofte[5], that haueth ȝeue to me Capouns & bederpes[6] and Plouwys, ȝouȝe[7] þey be nouȝte my tenauntes, I wiłł þat myn executours do her' gre by god discrecion atte þe value of xx łi amonge hame / and if any oþer man or woman be, that Cane Pleyne hym þat icħ ħaue oppressedȝ hym, or do wrange to him, oþer yete with my bestys his Corne oþer his grase, and nouȝte amendit[8] hit to hym; to amende suchħ trespasses, I bequethe x. łi.: and I bequethe to ałł my pourest tenauntes, where þat þey be, excepte ham þat I haue ynemnedȝ in þis bok to-for, C. łi in mony / and I bequethe to Poure men blynd and lame .C. łi, and to sum trew man, by good discrecyon to do party[9] the mony forseydȝ / and namelycħ iff ycħ ħaue do wronge to eny of my tenauntes [10] or mys tak hir goodȝ, I wiłł þat it be restoredȝ to ham, whether' it be Man or woman, be avysement' of myn Executours, as þey wiłł aunswere to-for godȝ at þe dome / and þe resyduwe of ałł my goodys and Catełł, in this my testament' nouȝte

[1] þ is printed for *y*. [2] ? hutch, chest, coffin.

[3] There is a Chard in Somerset, 13 m. S.E. by S. from Taunton, and 12 E. from Honiton in Devon.—Lewis.

[4] *Cotleigh*, a parish in the hundred of Colyton, co. Devon, 3 m. E.N.E. from Honiton.—Lewis.

[5] Cp. Henry de Wicroft.—Prince's *Worthies of Devon*, 1810, p. 495.

[6] *Bedrepes.* Days of work performed in harvest time by the customary tenants, at the bidding of their lords. See Cullum's *Hawsted*, 1784, p. 189. Hall.'s Gloss. The word is in Thorpe's *Ancient Laws*, i. 436, l. 4, and the new Bosworth's A.-Sax. Dict. Prof. Skeat says it "is from A.Sax. *beód-an*, to bid, summon, and A.S. *rip*, later M.E. *rêp*, a reaping (Stratmann gives *rêp*). Cf. *bid-ale*. The sense is 'reaping done by summoned men.'"

[7] though. [8] ? MS. amende. [9] cause to be parted, divided. [10] leaf 317.

bequethede, ych ȝeue Holelych, and bequethe, to Iohane my wyfe, reseruynge alweys to me volle power' to chaunge þis testament, oþer to mak hit more, oþer to amenusy hit, oþer to vndo hit all, as ofte as me Lusteth, or whanne þat me lyketh, duryng my Lyfe. and to do good and trewe execucion of þis my testament, ych ordeyne and mak' myne Executours, Iohane my wyfe, William Brerdon, sir Iohn Dey, parsone of Bageworthe[1], Raufe Perceuale, sir Edward Osbourne, vicary of Thornecombe. This testament is my volle & hole wille þe day of þe date of þis my testament, the date in my Manour' of Holdech, on Setrysday in þe vygyle of þe Holy Trynyte, the ȝere of grace & of þe incarnacyoun of oure Lorde Ihesu Criste, M', CCCC.mo xv°. Thys twey Lynis I wrete almeste with myn owne Hond.

Probatum fuit hoc testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne Estcourt &c. v°. die Februarij, anno domini Millesimo CCCC .xvij° &c', & commissa administracio bonorum domino Edward Osbourne, vicario eccl'esie parochiane de Thornecombe &c'. Reseruata potestate &c. & habent diem ad exhibendum Inuentarium primo die iuridico post sanctum Pasche proximum in futuro &c', & subsequenter acquietancia fuit dicto executori &c'.

JOHN SOLAS, OF SOUTHWARK, SURREY, 1418.

[To be buried in St. George's, Southwark. Gifts to that Church, its Priests and Clerk. Gifts of gowns and money to Servants and others, and of half a year's rent to E. Veel. Residue to Wife.]

(March, quire 42, lf. 337.)

In the name of' the fader and the sone and the holy-gost, atte hye reuerens of oure lord' Ihesu Criste, and' of ys blessed moder seynte Marie, and of seynt Iohan the Ewangelist' and al other holy seyntes of heuene, I, Ion Solas of Southwerk', in good mynde and good' deliberacion', my testament I make yn thys forme: atte begynnyng' I be-quethe my soule to our lord' Ihesu Crist and to oure lady seynte

[1] There's a Badgworth in Somerset, 2½ m. S.W. by W. from Axbridge.

Marie, and to alle aleves[1] of heuene / And my body to be beret in the northpart of the Churche of seynt Gorge of Soutwerke / Also I be-quethe to that same Churchewerk C s'. Al-so I be-quethe to the hye auter I Marc / Also I be-quethe to euery preste that ther syngyth the day of my berynge / iiij d / Also I be-quethe the Clerk of the same Churche xl. d. Al-so I be-quethe to Ioñ Euenwode iiij nobls, and a goune newe of blak. al-so I be-quethe to Thomas Elyot xx s' [&] a goune of blak. Al-so I. be-quethe to Ion Costert my seruaunt, x s' and a goune . . Also I be-quethe to Richard my seruaunt I. noble, and a goune and a doblet. Al-so y be-quethe to Ione[2] Batesey, xl d and a goune / Al-so y wole that my wyfe and al my chyldren be atte my berynge, yn case they leue. Also I for-ȝeue Edeyn Veel / V Marc / of here rente for an alfyere, yn case I deye. Al-so I be-quethe to Ion BryxhyH a goune. al-so I be-quethe to Thomas Wade a goune. Al-so I be-quethe to William Mymmes a goune, and to Anneys ys wyfe a goune. Also [3]I be-quethe to Ion Archer a goune. Also I be-quethe to Adam Rigge a goune / The remenaunt of my godys that be not be-quethe ne ȝeuen, I be-quethe to Ione my wyfe, for to do and ordeyne as sche thyngyth best, and as sche wole answere atte hey day of Iugement / To thys testament to ordeyne and parforme, I make myn executours, my wyfe a-boue seyd, Robert Bromesbury and William Horton. In the wytnesse of the wyche thynge, I haue set to my sele. I-ȝeueñ atte South-werk in the parsche of seynt Gorges, the xij day of Iuly, the ȝere of our lord Ihesu Crist M CCCC xviij. Probatum fuit testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne Estcourt, Comissario &c, vicesimo secundo die Mensis Iulij, anno domini M° CCCC^mo xviij^mo. Et comissa fuit administracio Iohanne, Vxori & Executrici dicti defuncti, &c. Reseruata potestate &c.

[1] hallows, saints.
[2] ? MS. Ioern.
[3] leaf 337, back. 'Also' is repeated in the MS.

JOHN CHELMYSWYK, ESQ., SHROPSHIRE, 1418.

[Gives £5 to Quatford church for his soul's sake. 40*s.* each to the Friars of Bridgnorth, Woodhouse, Shrewsbury, Ludlow, London; and to the Prisoners in Ludgate, Newgate, and the Marshalsea; and 20*s.* each to the 6 London Hospitals; to sing 30 Masses, and pray for his soul, his late wife's, his grandmother's, &c. £70 for 2 priests to sing 7 years for his soul, at Bridgnorth, and £2 for their vestments, and £7 to keep his Year's Mind there for 7 years; and at each Mind 20*s.* to be given to the Bridgnorth poor. Jonet, his 2nd wife, to have (for her dowry, &c.) £40 and his household goods, save gold and silver, &c. 6 silver sawcers to be made into 2 Chalices for the 7-year priests. Wife to have his Manor of Staverton for life (with remainder to his heirs in tail), and let Emot Roe, her mother, have Aspley, for which he's given his Bond for £400 to John Roe. If testator dies childless, Staverton to be sold, and the produce go in Charity and Masses. If his wife Jonet turns her mother out of Aspley, she's to be turnd out of Staverton, which is to go to his heirs in tail, or be sold as aforesaid. Manors of Hay and Tasley to be sold and applied to Charity and Masses. If wife Jonet keeps sole for a year, her state's to be kept up free. Gold chain, &c. to Wife. Silver dishes, money, furrd gowns, &c. to Executors. Residue to be applied in Charity and Masses £5 to Tasley Church; and bedding, hangings, &c. to the Parson of Tasley and R. Crowder.]

(March, lf. 335 bk., P. C.)

[1]In the name of God, Amen, the iiij[e] day of the monthe of Aprill, The ȝere of god a M[l] CCCC xviij[e], and the ȝere of the regne of kyng[e] Henry the V[e] after the conquest, vj[e]. I. Iohn Chelmyswyk[e], squier of Shropshire, hole of mynde & in my gode memorie beyng[e], ordeyne & make my present testament of my last wille in this manere / ffirst I recommende my saule to almyghty god, to oure lady seint marie virgine hys moder, & to alle the Seintes in heuene, and my body for to be beryed where god of his mercy for me wolle dispose. Also I bequethe to the werkis of the body of the Parysshchirche of Seint Marie Magdaleyn of Quatford[2] in Shropeshire,

[1] 'Testamentum Johannis Chelmiswyk' in margin.

[2] *Quatford* (St. Mary Magdalene), a parish partly in the boro' of Bridgenorth, but chiefly in the hundred of Stottesden, Shropshire, 2 m. S.E. from Bridgenorth.—Lewis.

& to ordeyne vestment*is* & ornament*is* in the same Chirche nedefuⁿ, after the discrecio*un* of my Executo*urs*, so that my soule be recommended in Goddys s*er*uice there, C s'. Item I be-quethe to the freres Meno*urs* of Bryggenorthⁿ, to do singe for my soule, and for the 4
soules of my fader & moder, Thom*as* my sone, Elyanore late my wyf, Ionet Chelmeswyk[1] my Graundame, and alle my god fryndys soules, & for allė cristene soules, the hole Seint Gregories Trentaⁿ[1], & to praye deuotely for my soule & the soules aforsayde, xl s'. Item I 8
bequethe in the same man*er*e and condicio*un* to the ffreres of Wodehouse xl s'. Item I be-quethe in the same man*er*e and condicio*un* to eu*er*yche [2]of the thre Ordres of freres in Shrovesbury xl s'.
Item I be-quethe in the same man*er*e and condicio*un* to eu*er*yche of 12
the twey Ordres of ffreres in ludlowe xl s'. Item I be-quethe, to fynde Twey honestes prestes to singe goddys seruice for my soule, & for the soules aforsaid, in the Chaunt*er*ie of the Chirche of Seint Leonarde in Brigge-northⁿ be vij ȝere next folwyng[1] *after* my desese, 16
lxx li of st*er*linges, that ys to wete, eu*er*y preste takyng[1] for hys salarie be ȝere, C s'. Item I be-quethe to the mendyng[1] of the feble[3] & foule weye beside Portmannes Crosse fast by Briggenorthⁿ, xl s'.
Item I be-quethe to eu*er*yche of the iiij Ordres of ffreres in þ^e^ Citee of 20
Londo*n*, that ys to wethe, Precho*urs*, Meno*urs*, Austyns, & Carmes,[4] xl .s'., so that eu*er*yche of[1] þ^e^ forsaide iiij Ordres do singe for my soule, and for the soules a-forsaide, the hole seint Gregories Trentaⁿ, and pray for my soule and for the soules a-forsaide. Item I 24
be-quethe viij s' iiij d' to do singe for me Soule, & for de Soules aforsaide, C masses in oo day. Item I be-quethe to the prisoners of Ludgate in Londo*n*, to pray for my soule & for de soules a-forsaide, xx s'. Item I be-quethe, vp þ^e^ same condicio*un*, to þ^e^ prisoners of 28
Newgate in Londo*n*, xl. s'. Item I bequethe, vp þ^e^ same condicio*un*, to the prisoners of the Marschalsie, xx s'. Item I bequethe to þ^e^ pore hospitales, that is to say, Seint Marie spiteⁿ *with*-oute Bis-

[1] This Trental (*triginta-lis*) was 30 Masses, 3 on each of the 10 chief Festivals of the year: Christmas, the Circumcision, Mary's Purification, the Annunciation, Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Mary's Assumption, and her Nativity (Sept. 8). See the poem *Trentalle Sancti Gregorii*, in my *Religious, Political, and Love Poems*, E. E. T. Soc. 1866, p. 87.

[2] leaf 336. [3] ? MS. fevle. [4] For these Orders of Friars, see p. 16, 17 *n*.

shoppesgate[1], Bedlem, Seint Thomas in Southwerk, Seint Antonies Elsyng spitell[2], Seint Bartil-mewes in Smythfeld in London), Seint Gyles beside Holbourne, that is to wete, to euery hospitall, to parte a-monge pore folk there, xx s'. to pray for my soule & de soules aforsaide. Item I bequethe to do ordeyne & bye ij vestments to serue to the forsaide ij Prestes that shull singe for me in the forsaide Chaunterie in the Chirche of seint Leonarde in Briggenorth, xl. s'. Also I wille that after the forsayde ij Prestes haue fulfilled here vij 3ere seruice aforsaide, that than the forsaide ij. vestmentes shull remayne & duelle still alwey in the forsaide Chaunterie to serue the prestes of the same Chaunterie, to the worshipe of God, as so longe as th[e]y may endure. Al-so y bequethe to do make & holde my Mynde euery 3ere duryng vij 3ere next folwyng after my desese, in the forsaide Chirche of Seint Leonarde honestliche, & to do recommende my soule & þe soules aforsaide in þe same mynde, vij li, that is to wete, to spende atte euery mynde, xx s'. Item I bequethe other vij li to 3eve to poremen in the same vij 3ere, that is to sey, atte euery mynde xx s', for to be delet in Briggenorth after the discrecioun of myne Executours, for to pray for my soule[3] & for the soules aforsaide / Item I bequethe to Ionet my wyfe, in the name of here Dowerye & of here parte belonging to here of al my godes mobles, xl. li of sterlinges, and all my beddynge & naperie, and alle myne arraye & necessaries in my chambre, and alle othere meuable Godes ther-in beyng, and alle manere apparaillement & necessaries longynge to the body of the same Ionet, Outake Golde & syluer, & myne owne werynge clothes, ij peire of my best shetes, & vj disshes & vj Sawcers of seluer. The wyche shetes .I. bequeth, that is to say, a peire to Sire William Lochard, And the tother peire to Maister Ion Marchall, Dene of Briggenorth. Item I bequethe the

[1] St. Mary Spittle, in Shoreditch, founded by Walter Brune, Mercer of London, and Rosia his wife, A.D. 1197. See Stow's *Survey*, 1720, vol. i., Bk II. p. 97, with the account of Q. Elizabeth's grand procession from the Spittle in April 1559, with 1000 armd men, cannons, drums, flutes, trumpets, morice-dancings, and 2 White Bears in a cart.

[2] ? St. Anthony's Hospital in the parish of St. Benet Fink, Broad St. Ward, London. This was the 'Anthonie' or 'Tanthony Pig,' place.—Stow's *Survey*, vol. i., Bk II. p. 120, ed. 1720.

[3] MS. may be 'saule.'

forsaide vj sawcers, to do make there-of Twey Chalices to serue the forsaide Twey prestes in þe forsaide Chaunterie duryng the forsaide vij 3ere. And After the vij 3ere be fulfellet, I wolle that the same Twey Chalices shuH Abyde in the same Chaunterie to the worshipe of god for euere more. Item I bequethe to the same Ionet my wyf my Maner of Staverton[1] with the appurtenaunces, in the shire of Gloucestre, to haue & to holde, terme of here lyfe, doynge to the Chief lordes of þat fee the Seruice ther-of due, & of rygh̄[t] Custume / Vp condicioun that the same Ionet suffre Emot, here moder, to reioise peisibly, & to haue & to holde, terme of the lyf of the same Emot, the Maner of Aspleye[2] with the appurtenaunces ; And al-so vp condicioun that þe same Ionet saue and kepe harmeles myn heirs & executours a-3ens Iohn Roe that hath̄ wedded the forsaide Emot, of a Obligacioun[3] of CCCC ti that I. am bounde to hym, vp condicioun that the same Emot shal holde & occupie peisible, terme of her lyfe, the forsaide maner with [4]the appurtenaunces, with-oute distourbaunce of me or of Ionet my wyf, oure heires or assynes. And I wille that after the decese of Ionet my wyf, the forsaide manere of Staverton with the appurtenaunces, duelle & remayne to the heires of my body lawfully be-gete, & to here heires & assignes for euere more, doyng to þe chieff lordes of þe fee, þe seruice there-of due & of right custume. And 3if I dye with-oute heires of my body lawfully begete, than I wolle that, after the decese of the same Ionet my wif, the forsaide Manere of Staverton with the appurtenaunces be solde be my ffeffes & my Executours in the best manere that they may, and that the money that cometh̄ there-of be disposet in wērkes of charite, & in masses to be songe for my saule & for the soules aforsaide, after the discrecioun of the forsaide sillers. And 3if so be that [the] forsaide Jonet my wyf put oute the forsaide Emet here modir, in here lyf of the forsait Manere of Aspleye with the appurtenaunces, & þat may be recorded be Trewe men, than y wille that the same Ionet be vtterliche excluded & voyded fro the forsaide Manere of Staverton with the appurtenaunces, & þat she haue no profet

[1] *Staverton* in the hundred of Deerhurst, 4¾ m. W. by N. from Cheltenham.
[2] There's an Aspley in Warwickshire, 4 or 5 m. N.W. of Henley in Arden.
[3] MS. Olligacioun. [4] leaf 336, back.

þer-of', terme of' here lyf'. But than' that þ^e^ same Manere of Stauerton', whyt appurtenaunces, remayne to myn heirs of my body frely begete & lawfully, ant to here heirs & assignes for euere more; and 3if þat I dey with-oute heire of my body lawfully be-gete, than' I wolle þat þ^e^ same manere with þ^e^ appurtenaunces be solde, and the mony there-of comynge, to be disposed in werkes of cherite, & in masses to be songe for my soule & þ^e^ soules aforsaid. Item I bequethe to sille after my decese be myne Executours, 3if I dey whyt-oute heire of my body lawfully begete, my Maners of the Haye & Tasseleye[1] with here appurtenaunces, & my partie of the place of Lynches, & my tenement with þ^e^ appurtenaunces in Halgot' in Shropeshire, & alle my other londes and tenementes with here appurtenaunces in the same shire; and that the mony ther-of comyng', be disposed in' workes of cherite & in masses to be songe[2] be ordinaunces of myne Executours for my soule and for þ^e^ soules aforsaid. Item I wille that 3if Ionet my wif' kepe here soole, with-oute husbonde, Twelf-monthe after my decese, than' she ffounde be of my goddes durynge þat 3ere in alle here costes, after þ^e^ same honeste and degre as she is founde þ^e^ day of makynge of this testament. Item I bequethe to the same Ionet, my ffurre of Calabre, my best Cheyne of Gold', a doseyn spones of' siluer, and a pece of siluer. Item I bequethe to Iohn' Yate, myn vncle, vp condicioun that he be one of myn' Executours, & take ministracioun of thys testament, vj dysshes of siluer, & my best Girdill of siluer. Item I bequethe, vp the same condicion, to Iohn' Page of Oxenbolde, x li of sterlinges. Item I bequethe, vp the same condicioun, to Iohn' Lemman', Citezein & Skynner of London', x li of' sterlinges, & my worstede Goune with þ^e^ ffurre, & my Baselard' harneysed with siluer. Item I be-quethe, vp the same condicioun, to Iohn' Baldok', Citezein & Waxchaundeler' of London', x marc', & my furre of Fycheux[3]. Item I be-quethe to the

[1] *Tasley*, a parish in the hundred of Stottesden, Shropshire, 1¾ m. N.W. by W. from Bridgenorth. There's a *Hey* in the parish of Ashton-under-Lyne, hundred of Salford, Lancashire, 2 m. E. from Oldham.

[2] MS. sonde.

[3] The Foumart or foul Mart(ern),—*Mustela Putorius*, Lin.—'is likewise called the *Polecat*, or *Fitchet* . . . its ears are short, broad, and tipt with white on their edges; it is white about the mouth; the rest of the body is for the most part of a deep-chocolate colour: the sides are covered with hairs of two colours,

wyf[e] of þ[e] forsaide Iohn Lemman, my litiH Cheyne of Gold[e] that
serueth for myne arms. Item I bequethe to Symond[e] Wrenchin,
Skynner, my Bastard Sword[e][1]. The Residue of alle my Godes & my
Catallys mebles, where euere that they be, after my dettis payde and 4
my questes fulfilled, & my sepulcure made, I bequethe to myn
Executours, to dispose hit for my soule & for the soules aforsaid, in
werkes of Charite, and in masses to be songe, as they se most
plesaunce to god, & hele to my soule & to the soules aforsaide. Of[e] 8
this testament I make & ordeyne myn Executours, that is to sey, the
forsaide Iohn Yate, Iohn Page, Iohn Lemman, & Iohn Baldok[e], that
they trewly ffulfille my last wille as I trust in hem. In wetenesse of
wheche thing[e], to thys Testament I haue put my sele: the date is 12
the day & the 3ere aforsaide. Item I bequethe to the werkis of the
body of the Parisshe Chirche of Tasseley in Shropeshire, & to ordeyne
vestmentes & ornamentes in the same Chirche nedeful, after the
discrecion of[e] myne[2] Executours, so that my soule be recommendid 16
There in goddys seruice, C s. Item I wolle that sire Iohn
Hogenes, person of Tasseley, & Richard[e] Crowder, haue and reioise
alle the hustilmentis[3] of[e] Beddyng[e], hallyng[e][4], pottys & pannes, &
peauter vesseH þat I left in kepyng[e] atte hay & Briggenorth, To haue 20
& holde for here Rewarde that I am holde to hem. Probatum fuit
hoc [5]coram Magistro Iohanne Estcourt, Comissario, xiij[mo] die Mensis
Nouembris anno domini M[l] CCCC[mo] xviij°, et commissa est adminis-
tracio Executoribus in eodem testamento nominatis, & habent diem ad 24
exhibendum Inuentorium & c[a]: et sextodecimo die dicti Mensis
Nouembris, acquietati sunt Executores per finem .xx. s./

the ends being dark like the rest of the body, and the middle of a full tawny colour.' Its tail is 6 in. long, and its body about 17. Bewick, *Hist of Quadrupeds*, 1800, p. 252.

[1] 'The forme . . . of this Ile [England] is three cornered . . like vnto a triangle, *bastard sword*, wedge, or partesant, being broadest in the south part, and gathering still narrower and narrower, till it come to the farthest point of Cathnesse northward, where it is narrowest of all.'—Harrison's *Description of Britaine*, in Holinshed's *Chronicle*, 1587, i. 2, at foot.

[2] The MS. repeats 'Item I bequethe to the werkis of the body of the Parisshe chirche of Tasseley.'

[3] *Hostilement, hostillemẽnz:* Meubles, utensiles, instrumens de labourage . . . *hostiller*, garnir, munir.—Roquefort.

[4] Hallyng, hangings for a hall.

[5] leaf 337, Quire 43.

THOMAS TVOKY, ESQUIRE, 1418.

[Will incomplete. Gives beds, and 3 green-silk nets for curtains, down pillows, gowns furrd with Martins, Genets, wild Cats, black Lamb, Beaver and Otter; doublets of defence coverd with leather; cloaks, a tablecloth, &c.]

(March, 346, back.)

[1]In the name of [2]þe fader and þe sone and þe holy goost, almyghty godꝺ. I. Thomas Tvoky, þorow godis grace esquier, make my testament in þis wyse. first I. be-queþe my sowle to almyghty godꝺ, and to his modꝺr & mayden Marie, and to alꝺ þe Seyntes of Heuen / also my body to Holy erthe, wher that godys wil is, to be buriedꝺ; also al myn Harneys, þat is to say, a bed of Lyn wit a hool silour[3] and Coue*r*let of þe same wroghꝺ wit mapil leues and fret of .iij. foiꝺ, & iij. nettes of Silkꝺ grene for quirtayns for the same bedꝺ / also a bed of red and grene [4]dimi Selo*ur*[3] wit .iij. quirtayns of worstedꝺ; also þat on in warde of Anneys Elyngton, and a paire of schetes, .ij. paire of Blancketes, .ij. paire of schetes, .j. pylow of Doun, lengh of a yerꝺ, .ij. Pylows of doun, lengh eu*er*ych of half a ȝerꝺ; also .vj. reofꝺ quisshens of worstedꝺ, .iiij. in wardꝺ of þe same Anneys; also a Mat*er*as for a bedꝺ; also a gowne of Sch[a]rlet wit brodꝺ sleues furredꝺ *with* gray; also a gowne of blew worstedꝺ furredꝺ wit þrotes[5] and polles of Martrons[6]; Also a gowne of gray russet furredꝺ wit Ionet*is*[7] and

[1] 'Test*amentum* Thome Tovky' in margin.

[2] þ is printed for initial and central *y*.

[3] Canopy of a bed. Fr. *ciel*, L. *cælum*, heaven.

[4] ? MS. duni. [5] MS. protes.

[6] The Martin 'is the most beautiful of all the Weasel kind,' about 18 in. long; body-fur, dark brown, on the belly paler; head brown, mixt with red; throat and breast white.—Bewick, *Hist of Quadrupeds*, 1800, p. 265-7.

[7] The Genet, *Viverra Genetta*, Lin., is found in Turkey, Syria, and Spain. Its colours are beautifully variegated, and its fur valuable. Its body 'is longer than that of the Martin . . its hair soft, smooth, and shining; of a tawny red colour, spotted with black: along the ridge of the back there is a kind of mane of long hair, which forms a black line from head to tail; the spots on the sides are round and distinct; those on the back almost close: its tail is long, and marked with seven or eight rings of black. From an orifice beneath its tail, it yields a kind of perfume, which smells faintly of musk.'—Bewick, *Hist. of Quadrupeds*, 4th ed., 1800, p. 288-9.

[1] wylde Cat*is*; also a gowne of grene frese, in ward, & c[2], furryd w*ith* blak Lambe; also in ward &c, a furre of beu*er* and oter medled; also a Hewk[3] of grene and other melly parted; also a Doubeled of defence coue*red* w*ith* red Leþer; also ij. remenauntz of the Lynne bed; [al]so xij. quysshons; also a Cloke of Blake russet; Also a Dobelet coue*red* w*ith* Blak gote Leþer; also a bordcloth the Lengthe of .v. ȝerdes of werk; also a towayl of werk, Lengthe .xj. ȝerdes.

STEPHEN THOMAS, OF LEE, ESSEX, 1417-18.

[*Latin Testament.* Chaplain to do Masses for a year for Testator's Soul, &c. Poor of Lee to have 12*d.* each. Residue to Executors, to lay out for Testator's soul.

English Will. Executors appointed, and given 20*s.* each. Certain folk to have the 1st Option of buying goods: produce to go to the aisle of Lee Church. Wife to have her dwelling-place for her life. Debts sworn-to, to be paid. Lee poor to have 12*d.* each; 'Jankyn clerk' 12*d.* [Cp. Chaucer's *Wife of Bath's Preamble*, l. 595, 628], others 6*d.*; Hadley poor 4*d.* each. Gifts to Relatives. Debts owing by and to Testator, named.]

(March (P. P. C.), lf. 358.

[*margin.*] Test*amentum* Steph*ani* Thomas, de la lye in Com*itatu* Essex*ie*. [*The Codicil made at Rouen*, p. 40.]

IN dei nomine Amen. Mensis Maij, die octauo, anno d*omi*ni 8
Mille*si*mo CCCC^mo^ xvij^mo^, Ego Steph*an*us Thomas, de la Lye in
Com*itatu* Essex*ie*, meum condo test*amentum* in hunc modum. In
p*rimis*, lego an*im*am mea*m* *omni*potenti deo, & bea*te* Marie Virgini, ac
omnib*us* *sanctis*; corpus q*ue* meum ad sepeliendum in noua Ela 12
coram summo altar[i] eccl*esie* d*icte* ville. Item lego summo altari
eiusdem eccl*esie*, xx s'. Item lego ad hab*endum* vnum Cap*ellanum*
ydoneum diuina[4] in d*icta* eccl*esia* p*er* vnum annum integrum
celebratur*a* *pro* an*ima* mea, & an*imab*us *omnium* benefactor*um* 16
meor*um*, & *omnium* fidelium defunct*orum*. Item lego cuil*ibet*

[1] leaf 347. MS. repeats 'and.'

[2] ? 'in ward of *Anneys* Elyngtone,' like the bed and cushions above.

[3] *Heuque*: Espèce de robe à l'usage des deux sexes.—Rochefort.

[4] divine services.

pauperi, tam homini quam mulieri, in predicta villa moranti, xij d. Item lego cuilibet capellano ad exequias, & ad missam altam venienti, xij d. Item lego clerico parochiali ecclesie predicte, xij d. Item lego cuilibet clerico ad dictas exequias & missam venientem, vj d. Residuum vero omnium bonorum & catallorum meorum, do & lego Matilde, vxori mee, Iacobo Triche & Iohanni Camp. Ipsos-que Matildam, Iacobum & Iohannem, facio executores meos, dicta bona & catalla ad disponendum prout anime mee salubrius sciuerint expedire. Item lego vtrique [? MS.] executorum meorum prædictorum, xx s'. In cuius rei testimonium, presentibus[1] sigillum meum apposui. datum die, loco & anno prescriptis.

Knowe alle men, þat .I. Stephyn Thomas of þe Lee[2], make þus my testament and my laste wyll: ferste, I. be-quethe my saule to gode and to our lady seynt mary, and to all þe Company of Heuene, and my body to be bered were þat god wyll. fordermore syn, þes men of þe Lee .I. make my seketowrs, ferst, Iacobbe Tryche, Ion Campe, and my wyff [&] Thomas Aluowe; and y pray hem þat þey be well wyllet and forderyng to here; and al-so I charge hem all þat þey do for me as þey wolde þat I dede for hem, and as þey wolle answere to-for god; and þer-to yt ys my wylle þat euer-echeon of hem schele haue xx s' for her labor & for her besynesse; and eny goude þat schele be solde, yt ys my wyll þat Wyllyam Aluowe haue it, passynge eny oþer man, and Thomas hys broder, and 3yfe þer-for lyke as a noþer man wyll; and next hem, þat Pole may be a beyer, saue Ellys þat y will þat Iacobbe Treche haue be-for all oþer men, so þat he wyll 3eve as a noder man wyll; and it is my wyll þat all þe goud þat is Reysed, or Ellis, þat it go to þe Lee Cherche, to þe Eyle, and to[3] all oþer nessessarie thynge; and also it is my wyll þat my wyff schele haue þe place þat sche dwelythe in, terme of her lyff, and all sayrys[4] and all þat euer longethe þat to, durynge her lyf tyme. and 3yf þat I passe Rather þan sche, it ys my [wyll] þat all spengold & ffysscherys & bowdens be sold a-non forthe-with; and

[1] 'To these presents,' as to a Deed.

[2] *Lee* (St. Clement), a parish and sea-port in the hundred of Rochford, co. Essex, 17½ m. S.E. by S. from Chelmsford.

[3] MS. to to. [4] MS. repeats 'and all sayrys.'

also it ys my wyH þat þe plase þat sche dwelythe in, and aH sayres, ant aH þat euer longeth þer-to, and aH þat sche schele haue, after þe sesse of her, þat it be sold and do for [1] owre sawles and for aH owre ffrende. and 3yf þat y passe rather þañ scho, þat it is my wyH þat I haue a prest syngynge a-non after þe terme of iij 3ere & more, 3yf 3e may, in þe Cherche of þe Lee. and 3yf þer be eny man or woman þat wil say þat I howght hem eny goud, and swere vppon a boke by record of goud men, y wyl þat dey be payd. and also it is my wyH þat euere pore man of þe Lee, & woman, schal haue xij d; and al-so 3yf þat y haue eny goude mysty [2] det, it ys my wyH þat heye auter haue xx s', and euere preste þat syngethe þat day for me, ·I· wyl þat euery man of hem haue xij d. and I· wyl þat Iankyn clerk haue xij d, and euere clerk þat syngethe þat day for me In þe cherche vj d. and also it is my wilt þat Hadley [3] chirche haue xl s', and euere pore man of þe toune iiij d, and þat þe chirche of Estwode [3] schel haue xiij s' iiij d. and also it ys my wiH þat Larance my neese, & Annote her suster, haue xl s'. and al-so it is my wyt þat Ione my Broder schel haue x. markes. and it is my wiH þat Iorge my Cosyn schel haue oþer x· markes; and euere god-chyld þat y haue in the Lee schele haue xij d. and also it is my wyH þat Thomas Alvowe haue .v. marces, and William Alvowe oþer .v. marces. and also I wiH þat Annote Hadley þat es with me, haue .xt s'.; and aH the Ostelmentes schele be sold, and þat aH þat goud and aH oþer þat schulde beleue in 3our Haunde, þat it be do so os may be moste mede for her saules // Also þes beth þe dette3 þat I howe. xv. ti to Eyon, to be paid at Esteren next commyng, for I Howe Him at aH bot .xxv. ti, and þer-of he schele Haue, as I sayde þer-a-fore .xv. ti. at Esteren next, and .x. ti. at Esteren come twelmonthe, and þan es he aH paid. And also I Howe to Iamys Skynner of Bemflet, at Mychaylemesse, for Colys doun — vj. marces, and þan es he aH payd. and I Howe to Hopkyn Crestyndom at London for Richard Row — vij s'. vj d; and also I Howe Iohn Campe of the Lee .xt. s'; and also I Howe to a man of Burdeux xtvj. s'. viij d, His name is Peter de Lobered. and also þis es the dettis þat

[1] leaf 458, back. [2] mighty, big. ? MS. *may be* iuysty.

[3] Hadley and Eastwood are both in the hundred of Rochford, Essex.

es Howynge to me: Rychard Haddoke of the Lee .vij. li to be Paid at Esteren, and also Water Burnam an .C. s'. that schuld Haue be Paid at Esteren; and William Hylbyȝt .xx. s'. and Her-to I sett my Sele, wytnessynge, Stephen Ellys, Thomas Chesse, William Ellyot, Lyteȝ Iohn Spoteȝ, Richard Smythyot, and oþer gode men I-now./ I-wret at Sandwyche, the .vij. day of may, þe Reynge of Kynge Harry þe .v. ye anno quinto. [1417 A.D.]

[*Codicil, made at Rouen.*]

[A Trental of Masses to be said for his Soul. Beer to be brewd, and Loaves bak't, for the Poor. Gifts to T. Chesse, if Testator dies in his boat; and to a Cousin, of goods in a ship at Southampton.]

¶ And also I wiȝ þat my wyȝ be fulfillyd lyk als I ordeynd when I went from home, and aȝ þat es contend in this Codiciȝ / that es to say, my wiȝ es, to haue a Trentale of masses ȝef that I dyd er þane I come home / and also I pray ȝou þat ȝe wald Brewe .x. buschellys of malt forto ȝef pore men of my paryche; and also that ȝe wald bake .vj. buschellys of whete of smale Halpeney Loves, and ȝefe euere man and woman a Love [1] and a galon of ale, als fer als it wiȝ go. and also I pray ȝou and charge ȝou in goddes name that ȝe gar send a man to the Holy priour of Brydlyngton to offer for me, and for any thing, that this way to Bridlington, and the Trentale, be do[2] both be-for Estren, ȝyf y dye ore y come home. and also y do ȝow to wyt þat yt is my wiȝ þat Thomas Chesse schel haue me ȝyf þat y dey in hys bote with hym; and also þat he schel haue my best gowen of þe kynges liuere þat is at home at my hous, and my golde rynge and my whysteȝ. and also I do ȝow to wyt þat yt is my wiȝ þat Thomas Albwe schel haue þe best gowen next þat is at home after þat, and a houd. and also y do ȝow wyt þat it is my wiȝ þat George Thomas my Cousyn schel haue aȝ þe gude and þe harnesse þat y haue att Hampton in þe chippe, and be-syde; and þis þat is of þe see with me att Roon[3] he schel haue, aȝ to-gedyr, saue þat Rychard Smytheot schel haue my Russet gowen þat y wered, and my blac houd, and a nold bassenet. More wryt y nogȝ[t] vnto yow, bot þe holy trinite kepe ȝow now, dere and trusty wyf. here I make an

[1] Love = loaf. [2] MS. to. [3] MS. rubd.

hende. wer-for I *pray* ȝow, as my trust es[1] hely in ȝow, ou*er* alle oþere creatur*es*, þat this last will be fulfyllet, and alt odere that I ordeynd atte [2]home, for all þe loue þat eu*er* was be-twen man and woman. y-wrete atte Roon þe Sonday next to-fore þ^e^ fest of^t^ purificacioun of^t^ our*e* laydy. [February 2, ? 1418-19.]

P*robata* fuerun*t* supradict*um* test*amentum* & Codicill*um* coram Mag*istro* Iohan*ne* Estcourt xx^mo^ die Mensis Iulij, anno d*omi*ni M° CCCC^mo^ xix^no^. Et comiss*a* est administracio om*nium* bonor*um* &c d*ictum* test*amentum* & codicill*um* concern*encium*, Matilde relict*e* & Executrici dict*i* defunct*i* / Iacobo Triche & Iohan*ne* Campe, execu*toribus* in d*icto* test*amento* nom*inatis*, administracion*em* supradict*am* coram d*icto* dom*ino* Comiss*ario* exp*resse* recusantib*us*, ac xxvj^to^ die eiusdem Mens*is* acquiet*a* fuit, et c.

JOHN ROGERYSSON, OF LONDON, 1419-20.

[Bequests of Bed-clothes, Table-cloths, Gowns, Hoods, Towels, Daggers, Bows, Hose, Purses, a Cope, and small Debts.]

(More, 3 Com. Court of London, lf. 50 bk.)

B. Fynk. T. Iohan*nis* Rogerysson̄. non hab*ent* ac*quietanciam*. *In margin.*]

THes beth̄ the godes that y, Iohn̄ Rogerysson̄, leve in a chyste in the hous of Robert̄ Leget dwellyng in the parysh̄ of seynt Benet Fynk // And þ*is* ys my wylle yf þat y dye, that Anneys Tukkys- worthe have þ^e^ beste bedber*e*, and Richard̄ Gery þ^e^ nyxte, and Robert̄ Legat ij payr*e* of schet*is*, and to þ^e^ same Robert̄ my Blewe gowne and my hode of Rede and Blak; And to Thomas Pykot my whit Ray gowne, and my rede Hode; and to Anneys Tukkysworth̄ my best bordclothe, and the Towayle; and Rychard̄ Gery the nexte bordclothe And Towayle; and Robard̄ Legat iij quarters of white and Isabell̄ hys wyf a bordcloth̄ and a towayle; and to Wyllyam Pertnale, A payr*e* schet*is* and a red doblet, and a keverlet of Blewe;

[1] MS. as. [2] leaf 359.

And to Anneys Tukkysworth iiij noblis and the forseyd Cheste; And to Thomas Pertenall a peyre of sh̃et*is*, and a dagger', and a Bowe wyth-owte pec*is*, and a payre hosen' of grene; and to Anneys Tukkysworth̃ the beste purse, and Thom*as* Pertnale the nyxte, and Isabell Leget the Thridde, and Alson' Okenden' the fourþ^e^. And alle-so y bequethe to þ^e^ Church̃ of seynt Benet a cope. And alle-so Wyllyam Rote and Iohn̄ Skelton' owen' to me xiiij s'. the whiche Symmykyn' Eyre shall reseyve of them at Esterne nyxte comynge; and y will̃ þ*at* Rychard' Gery reseyve hit of the forseyd Symkyn'; and vj s viij d' of þ*at* mony .I. bequethe to þ^e^ Churche Clerk' of Seynt Benet; & vj s' viij d' to Iohn̄ Cley, and viij d' for my sowle. and alleso Rob*er*d' Leget owyth̃ to me xv s', and alle thyng a-counted' by-twene vs, of the whiche y forgyf hym vj s' viij d'; and þ^e^ remenaunt of þ*at* Mony, Y will̃ hyt be do for my sowle. And alle-so Rychard' Gery oweth me viij s', and alle thyng a-counted' by-twene vs bothe; of the whiche viij s' y be-qweth̃ iiij s' to Thom*as* Pertnale, And iiij s' to Wyllyam Pertnale. And y beqwethe to Rychard' Gery vj s' viij d', to be payd of that he fyndeth̃ in the forseyd Cheste; And to Anneys Tukkysworth̃ A Sylure Spon'; and my Sylvryn' Gyrdyll to Thomas Pertnale; and to Robard' Leget my pesid' Bowe. And the ov*er*e-plus of alle thys, y will̃ hit be dysposed for my sowle. And, blessyd be god, y owe no thyng. And y Ordeyne þ^e^ forseyd Rychard Gery & Robard' Leget myn*e* executors to full̃-fill̃ alle thyngys a-bove wretyn', As they wille [answere] a-fore god' at þ^e^ Dome. And to Thomas Pertnale my dagger' / And alle-so y wille that yf Anneys of the Count*our* cleyme of me or of my execut*ours* a pursse and xx s'. or eny man*er* good ellys, þ*at* thenne þ^e^ godes in the bille be rekeu*ered'* of her'; And yf sche make no cleyme, Stonde hit for no dette, but on for a-nother'. Probatum est hoc testamentum coram nob*is* Iohanne Bodeman clerico, Reuer*endo* &c' Com*missario* gen*erali*. Primo die Mensis Febr*uarii*, Anno d*omi*ni Mille*si*mo CCCC^mo^ xix^no^. Et comissa est admin*ist*racio om*nium* bonor*um* & c' Executoribus in d*icto* testamento inter*ius* nom*inatis* & c'.

JOHN BROUNE, OF HEN. V.'S CHAMBER, AND OF FULHAM, MIDDX., 1418. (PROOVD, 1420.)

[Wife to be in care of her Father and Mother. They to live in his place at Hardington, Somerset, or out of its rents. Sister to be provided for. Debts and Bonds to be lookt to.]

[*Will made at Rouen. The earliest in the 3rd Person.*]

A Latin will of Jn. Broune, made 4 May, 1417, and a 'Codicillus' or 'vltima voluntas' of the same date, are on leaf 73, before the English will.]

(More, 3 Com. Court of London, lf. 73 bk.)

This ys the appoyntement of the wil and gouernauns of Iohn Broune, of þe chambre of oure lord the kyng, made the ix day of October, the vj yere of his regne. [A.D. 1418]

In the ferste, he wille that his wif be in the gouernauns of here fadir and here moder, vnto the tyme of his commyng hom in to Englond. 4

Also he will that she haue the money þat is reised in Lyncolne Shire be his patent, to fynde hir with. 8

Also he will that Richard his brother haue his place at Herdyngton[1] yn gouernauns, and fynde his fadir, and his modir, and his sister, with the profits of the place, as ferre as they wille strecche, vnto the tyme of the commyng of the forsaid Iohn Broun. 12

And that Iohn Bronde see the reckenyng atte yere Inde.

Also he will that, ȝif it like to his fadir and to his moder, to be atte Hardyngton, and see the husbandery, and occupie hym þer as long as them lest for þere owne Ese and disport. 16

Also he will, þat ȝif it like not his fadir forto be þere, or ellys whan quan hem lest to remeve þens, That thanne þei be in sum place nerhande holichyrche, þe whiche is an honest place to serue god yn, and there forto abide, and be gouerned & foundyn with the proffittes 20 of his place, as is before seid.

[1] *Hardington*, Somersetshire, 3 miles from Yeovil. *Hardington*, Somers N.W. of Frome Selwood.—Walker's *Gazeteer*. 1801. But the *quan*, *qwiche*, of the Will are Midland.

Also he wiℓ that Elene his Suster be put in sum honest place, and also be founde of the place be-fore seid, vnto the tyme of *com*mynge of the forseid Iohñ, or elles [MS. eℓ] þat she be maried.

Also he wiℓ that Iohñ Fray be payd .xv li. of þe money þ^e^ qweche Oliuer hath̃ in his hand, be þe handys of Iohñ Bronde.

Also he wiℓ that the money þe qwiche is resseyued of his patent in Oxenforde Shire be kepid to-gider.

Also he wiℓ þat the xl. li þat Margrete Stranstone hath̃, þat it be kepid to-gider be þ^e^ sight of the forsaid Iohñ Bronde, and þat he haue ouersiȝte of aℓ manere thynges.

Also he wiℓ þat the iiij^xx^ [= 80] mark' þ^e^ whiche is in Thomas Harwodes hande, be paid vnto þe forseid Iohñ Bronde, and also that it be put in a bagge, & asselid, and safly kepid.

Also he wiℓ that Iohñ Spyke be agreed with̃ resonabli for his labour and travaille.

Also he wiℓ þat the obligacions the whiche þat his wife hath̃ in kepyng', that they be reised be þe avise of his counseiℓ, with̃ aℓ þe remenaunt of his dettes, in aℓ the haste they may be.

Also he wiℓ that William Tropneℓ, & Iohñ Bronde, & Richarde his brother, be the ouersighte of William Oliuer, ben his executours to dispose and ordeyne for his soule In maner' and forme as is comprehendyd In his laste wil. Into witnesse of the which̃, the forseid Iohñ Broune hath̃ put his seal. Wrete atte Rone þe yere & þe day before seid.

Memorandum quod Probatum fuit testamentum Iohannis atte Grove de Fulham, coram no*bis* &c c' Commissario generali, Quarto, Non' Marcij, Anno *domi*ni M° CCCC^mo^ XX^mo^ Et commissa est admi*nistracio* &c c' Cristine, Relicte *dicti* defuncti, et Thome Atte Grove, Executoribus &c c'.

[*In margin:*] Fulham. T Iohannis at Grove. habent acquietanciam.

THOMAS BATHE, OF BRISTOL, 1420.

[Gifts of Plate, &c: a silver Beaker with a knob enameld blue; a silver-studded Girdle; silver Spoons with Acorn tops; silver Spice-dish; wooden Mazer with a silver band, a Print in the middle, and a Griffin in it. Also, brass Pots and Pans, gold Rings, Andirons, pewter vessels; Cushions and Hangings; a Chalice; Curtains; Shearings and Wool. A Mazer bound with silver gilt, and a print of Jesus in the middle.]

(March, lf. 408.)

Testamentum Iohannis Bathe. [*In margin.*]

In dei nomine Amen. die Sabati in festo sancti Albani Martiris, [June 22] Anno domini Millesimo CCCC^{mo} xx^{mo}, Ego, Iohannes Bathe, burgensis ville Bristollie, compos mentis, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. [*A page of bequests, &c. in Latin follows,* with the appointment of John Bourghull and John Austyn of Bristol as executors: then, on leaf 428, back, the English Will:]

Thys endenture makyth̄ mencion of [1] þ^{e} goodes þat I, Iohn̄ Bathe of Bristow, ȝyve to sertayn personis: fryst, I ȝewe to Iohn̄ Forster my godsonne a becure of seluer y-keuerydꝺ, þat weyyth̄ xxv ounsus I quarter, & þ^{e} cnap of þ^{e} couercle ys an-amylyd with blewe. Also I ȝeue to þ^{e} forsayd Iohn̄ Forster a gurdill of blake sylke y-linyde with rede lether, with̄ a gode bokyll & a pendaunt, & in þ^{e} same pendaunt an ymage of seynt *Christofre*: in þ^{e} gurdill bey xlvj stodys of seluer. Also I ȝeve to þ^{e} same Iohn̄ Forster halfe a dosyn̄ off siluer sponys with acharnus[2] ouerguldꝺ, þat weyyth̄ .v. ounsus I quarter and halfe. Also I ȝeve to þ^{e} forsayd Iohn̄ Forster a peyr of auundyrus[3], þ^{e} bes þat I haue // Also I ȝeve to Kateryne Lewys my seruaunt .x li. sterlingus, and a bolle cuppe I-keueryd of sylver þat weyyth xvj. ounsus iij quarter. Also I ȝeve to þ^{e} same Katerine a becure of seluer I-keueryd, and a branche of þ^{e} couercle y-broke away,

[1] þ is for 'y.'

[2] acorns on the tops, instead of apostles. The MS. is not quite clear, but the word 'acharnus' cums again lower down, l. 5, next page here.

[3] andirons.

þat weyyth̄ xvj ounsus. Also a spyce disshe of seluer, & ouerguld̄, þat weyyth̄ xj ounsus & .I. quarter; Also halfe a dosen sponys of seluer þat weyyth̄ vj ounsus I quarter & halfe; Also a bolle pece þat weyyth̄ vij ouunsus & halfe, and halfe a quarter; Also a nother bolle pece þat weyyth̄ vj ounsus & halfe a quarter; Also .I. bord mausure with a bond̄ of seluer, & ouerguld̄, wyth̄ a prent in þ^e^ myddylle, and a grypp[1] amyde, and a narow plat be þ^e^ syddys, with iij. lyonis of sylu*er*, and ouerguld̄. Also a gurdyll of þ^e^ old̄ werke of seluer, & ouerguld̄, with a bocull and a pendaunt and xxxiij· stodys of sylu*er* and ouerguld̄. Also I ȝeve to þ^e^ same Katheryne aneyuer[2] gurdil of selke, of blake and grene and rede, with a bocull and a pendaunt, & a cheyne in þ^e^ pendant, with a cnapp; & in þ^e^ gurdill bey xxiij stodys, & all of seluer. Also I ȝeve to þ^e^ same Katheryne ·iij· gode brasyn̄ pottes, Also ·iiij· gode pannis, Also iij· basc[i]nus, þ^e^ best þat I haue, with ·ij· lauerus. Also ·iiij· gode golde rynges, Also ij pankyns & a posnet of a poteH, also a posnet of a poteH, and a posnet of a quarte, Also a peyr of Aundyrus, & ij· þ^e^ best of yren̄ broches, & a chafur, Also a dosen̄ of peutre vesseH performyd̄[3], Also iiij· candelstykkys of laton̄ of þ^e^ best. Also I ȝeve to the forsad Katheryne al my bankerus & my quyssonus, and a dosur of tamsery werke with and hert in þ^e^ myddyll. Also I ȝeve to William Rodeley a stondyng cuppe of seluer y-clepyd a chales cuppe, with þ^e^ couercle & my merke y-made in þ^e^ cnappe, þat weyyth̄ xvij ounsus & halfe quarter. Also to þ^e^ sam William, a tastour of seluer with myn owne merke ymade in þ^e^ bottom; Also halfe a dosen sponys of seluer with acharnus ouerguld̄, þat weyyth̄ v. ounsus I quarter & halfe. Also I ȝeve to þ^e^ sam William a beme þat y weye per-with, and ij leuys, also iij.^c^ of ledyn̄ wyȝtis. Also I ȝeue to Katheryne Lewys my seruaunt iij. Curteynis of blew, þ^e^ best þat I haue to hang a-bout a bede; Item I petit brase morter, I pesteH de ferro. Item dimidium þ^e^ zieren[4] and wolle that is in this house þ^e^ day of his[5] dying, and all þ^e^ cloth̄

[1] vulture or griffin.

[2] Is this for 'anoþer,' 'a newer,' or what? The MS. is clear, tho 'n' may be 'u', and 'uer' may be 'ne.'

[3] ? all told, properly reckond.

[4] ? shearings.

[5] ? Manuscript. I suppoze the Testator must have been a clothmaker of the West, like Chaucer's Wife of Bath.

whyte &c þat is redy *with*-in þ^e^ hous att tyme of þ^e^ makyng of thys. Item I maser*um* liga*tum* cum argento & deaura*tum*, & I *pr*inte[1] de Ihe*s*u in medio; Ioh*anni* Crouch̄, I ciphum argenti *precii* x s., & d*imidium* dos*ine* cochliari*um* argenti de medio specie. Item I Cistam, ex delibe*racione* dicte Kate*r*ine .xxix^mo^ die Mens*is* Octobris, anno *domi*ni M^lo^ CCCC^mo^ xvj^mo^, Acquietati fue*r*unt executores infrascripti. [*the end.*]

JOHN OLNEY, OF WESTON, 1420. (PROOVD, 1422.)

[Best Beast given as an offering to Weston Church. £3 each to the 4 Orders of Friars in Northampton and Bedford, to say 30 Trentals of Masses. Bedding, &c. to 5 poor men. Gifts to Friars, Priests, and a Northampton Anchoress, to pray for Testator. Residue to Wife, for Testator's children and hers.]

(March, leaf 433, quire 55.)

Testamentum Ioh*annis* Olney. [*In margin.*]

In the name off gode yn [2]þ^e^ ȝer off oure lord̄ ·a M^l^ CCCC. & xx· the xj· day of May, I, Ioh*an*nes Olney of Weston̄, sone and heire to Iohn̄ Olney of Weston̄ Vnderwode, make my testament in this wysse: Atte þ^e^ begynnynge I bequeth̄ my soule into the *mer*cy off mythfuH̄ Ihe*s*u, prahyng[3] hym, for his *pr*ecious passioun, that he resseyue me yn-to þ^e^ brode bosum off his *mer*cy; prahyng forthermore to his moder, hour lady Seynt Mary, moder off *mer*cy, to seynt Iohn̄ Eua*u*ngelist, seynt Iohn̄ Baptist, and to haH̄ seyntes off heuene, þ*at* they be mene ȝ for me, and helpers to me att my most nede. And I bequeth̄ my body to be beryed̄ yn the chapele off owr lady yn the chyrch̄ off seynt Nicholas off Weston̄, and my beste best in the name off *princ*ipale[4]; and y bequeth̄ to the ·iiij. order ȝ off Frer ȝ· off Northau*m*pton̄, and to þ^e^ frere ȝ off Bedefford̄, to hech off þes houses iij· ti· so þ*at* þ^e^ wardeyn̄ and þ^e^ Couente, or the *pr*ioure and þ^e^

[1] ? MS. *p*rince.
[2] þ is for 'y' all thro.
[3] *h* is also put before *our, all, ech,* &c.
[4] offering, payment.

couent off eu*er*y off this houses gra*un*teyn) for to seyn xx trentale3· off messe3· for my soule, for my faders soule, my moders soule, Ieh*an*ne3 soule, and for aH þ^e saules that myñ entent ys to pray for, and for aH cristien3 saules. And y pray myn executo*ur*s þ*at* they, or on off hem, se þ*at* they take this charge on heme. and I bequetH to v poure men þ*at* neden Beddyng· in the cou*n*trey nexst aboute, to eu*er*y off heme .I cou*er*lete· I wytele, & I chete· & xij· d^· off silu*er*, preyng for my soule, and for þ^e soule3 be-forsaide. And I· bequetH to Ioh*an* MarchaH, Richar Genfeld^, Thom*as* Richemond^, & to Rob*er*t Burton, ffrere3· to ecH off hem xx. solid*i*, Prehyng hem, as my trist ys in heme, of her continuele preyo*ur* for my soule, & for the soules þ*at* myn entente ys that they pr*ay* fore. & I bequetH[1] to Ioh*an* Bataile prest, to Ioh*an* Brasiere prest, to the ankerisse off Northau*m*pton), to eche of heme, vj s' viij d^. & I bequetH to eu*er*y prest w*ith*-yn iij myle, nout auansyn^, ·xij· d^· My executo*ur*s to p*er*forme þ*is* my testament, I ordeyne Mariorie my wyfe, þ^e p*er*soñ off Broughtoñ & Ioh*an* Hukyns. the remenant off aH my goddes nouH bequetH, I 3eue & bequetH to Mariorie my wyfe, sche to dispose for her children & for myne as sche thynkytH best · ffullych dischargynge here what so eu*er*e sche do wyht any good that myn ys · orwis pr*a*hyng here, off her ffre wiH to me-warde as for my most tristy frende.

Probatu*m* fuit p*re*sens testa*mentum* cora*m* no*bis*, Ioh*anne* Estcourt, co*m*missar*io* &c^, sec*un*do die Mens*is* Decembr*is*, Anno d*omi*ni Mille*si*mo CCCC^mo^ xxij^do^; et co*m*missa fuit admi*ni*stracio o*mn*i*um* bonor*um* Ioh*anni* Hukyns, executori in d*ic*to testa*mento* no*mi*nato &c^, prestito p*ri*mit*us* &c^. de-inde sexto die eiusd*em* mens*is* Anno d*omi*ni vt sup*ra*, acquietat*us* fuit d*ic*tus executor, & soluit p*ro* pro*bac*i*one* & fine, xl solid*os*.

[1] MS. repeats 'and I bequeth.'

[*Weston Underwood* is 2 miles W. of Olney, in Newport Hundred, co. Bucks.

John Olney the father bought lands in Weston, *an.* 4 Rich. II, and died 21 March, 1395. There is a brass to him in Weston Church.

Broughton (l. 16, above) is in Newport Hundred, Bucks.—J. H. R.]

LADY PERYNE CLANBOWE, 1422.

[Burial to be simple. Debts to be paid. 200 poor men to be clad. £10 for mending Bridges and bad Roads. Gifts of slate Basin and Ewer, silver Chargers, &c.; Mass-Book, Vestment, and Chalices; a Girdle of Pearls, money, furrd Gown, coral Beads; "a booke of Englyssh, cleped 'Pore Caytife';" Gowns, and Silver-gilt cups; silver Cup with the scripture of St. John. Gifts to Yasor Church; and to Testatrix's Priest, 4 quires of Doctors on St. Matthew. Residue: half to poor Tenants; half to good needy men.]

(March, lf. 429 back.)

Test*amentum* Dom*in*e Peryne Clanbowe. [*In margin.*]

IN the name of [1] þ^e^ fader' and of the son And of þ^e^ Holygost, Amen. The thridde day of AprilH In þ^e^ ȝer off our lord' M^l^ CCCC xxij ·I· Peryne Clanbowe, beyng in good memory, thenkyng on my laste ende, hauyng gode in forsyght, I haue maad and ordened' this my present testament and my last wyHe in þ^e^ forme þat foloweth. First I bequeth and commend' my saule to gode my maker' and my sauyour, and to hys blyssyd moder' gloriouse Vyrgyn, And to aH saintes, and my body to be beryed' at ȝasore,[2] be my lord' my housbond', If I· dye in Hertfordshire,[3] and ellis where þat gode hath ordeined for me, And as son as yt may be don godly after þat I hame dede, porelych to be beryed', *with*-oute gret cost doon thervppon. Also I wiH And ordeine þat aH my dettes þat mowe be prowede be good conscience due, þat they be principaly payde in aH þ^e^ hast þat it may be.[4] Also I bequeth, to cloth wyth ij^c·^ poormen, xx· ti. Also I bequeth to amende brygges and foule wayes x· ti. Also I bequeth to *sir* Robert of Whitney, my brother, a flate basyn and an ewer, and vj disshes, vj saucers, and ij chargours of seluer. Also I bequeth to þ^e^ same Robert a westment of rede cloth of gold' *with* my massbooke and Chalys: The wych vesseH, vestement, massbooke, and chalys aforseyd', to þ^e^ forsaide Robert' bequetheh, I wole þat [he] haue hem

[1] þ is for 'y.' [2] Yasor is in Herefordshire, 5 miles S. of Weobly.
[3] That is, Herefordshire. [4] ? MS. mayle.

vpon̄ this condic*i*on, þ*at* he be good frend̄ to my executo*ur*s, and þ*at* he lete hem note off ministrac*i*on off myn other goode on the Manere of Pychardisoken̄ ne elles where. Also I bequeth̄ to myn Aunte, pr*i*oresse of Lynebroke, xl s'. Also I bequeth to myn Awnte Corbet, xl s'. Also I bequeth̄ to *sir* Ion Skydmore,[1] my newewe, a girden̄ of peerles. Also I bequeth̄ to Iane myn nece, to her mariage, or when sche is of age, xx li. Also I bequeth̄ to Peryne her suster, my god doutghter in þ^e^ same forme, x li; and if it so be þ*at* þ^e^ forsaid̄ Iane and Peryne dye be-for þ*at* thay come to age, or ellys maried̄, then I wil̄ þ*at* þ^e^ mony of either of hem so deede, turn to þ^e^ vse of her susters ou*er*lyuyng in þ^e^ same fourme. and if al̄ þ^e^ susters dye ar they come to age or be maryed̄, þ*at* then þ^e^ mony tourn to þ^e^ vse of her bretheren ou*er*lyuyng. And if al̄ þ^e^ bretheryn die *with*-In age of xvj· ȝeere, then þ^e^ mony be disposed̄ in Almasdeddes be my executo*urs*. Also I be-queeth to Iankyn Myles my *ser*uaunt, xxli·/, and myn eche daies gowne of marterount. Also I bequeth̄ to *sir* Joh*an* Coyle, I pare bedes of coral̄. Also I bequeth̄ to Elizabeth̄ Ioye ·x· li· and a booke of Englyssh̄, cleped "pore caytife," and I gown furred̄ *with* gret menyvere. Also I bequeth̄ to Ionet Okbo*ur*n ·x marc· and my sauter̄ helid *with* blake, and a gown furred̄ *with* Cristy gray. Also I bequeth̄ to Io*hn* Huchecoke, v marc·. Also I bequeth̄ to Iankyn̄ Tailo*ur*, v marc·. [2]Also I bequeth̄ to Dauid Morys, xl s'. Also I bequeth̄ to Io*hn* Hergest, xl s'. Also I bequeth̄ to Luysote xl s'. Also I bequeth̄ to the wyfe of Iankyn Miles a gown furred *with* Besshe. Also I bequeth̄ to D*auid* Cradoke xiij s' iiij d̄. Also I bequeth̄ to Iames and to his wyfe x s'. Also I bequeth̄ to þ^e^ chirch̄ of ȝasore, fore my lord̄ and his auncetres, to ser*ue* in þ^e^ chirch̄, a peir*e* vestiment*is* of blake, wherof þ^e^ same Chirch̄ hath̄ þ^e^ cope. Also I bequeth̄ to what thenge þ*at* is most necessary in þ^e^ same Chirch̄, v. marc·. Also I bequeth̄ to Ionet Knolles a stondyng cuppe of silu*er* gilte cou*ered̄*. Also I bequeth̄ to Thomas Knolles þ^e^ ȝongger̄ a cuppe of silu*er* gilt cou*ered̄*. Also I bequeth̄ to Io*hn* Thomas a cuppe of silu*er* playn̄. *with* þ^e^ scripture of seynt Ion.

[1] Either Sir John Scudamore of Kentchurch, Herefordshire (who married the daughter of Owen Glendowr), living *temp.* H. IV., or his son and namesake.—H. Round.

[2] Ka f 430.

Also I bequeth̄ to two prestes, honest men and good̄ liues, and ellys not, to do diuine seruise for my lord̄ and me· for on ȝer anoon After my decees, resonable dyuelode after þ^e discrecioun of myn̄ executours. Also I bequeth̄ to sir Reynold̄, my prest, iiij· quayres of Doctours on Mathewe. The Residue for soth̄ of aH̄ my goodes in this my testament not bequethen, I ȝeue and bequethe to myn executours, be her discrecion to be disposyde, that oon halfe to my pore tenauntz, and þat other halfe to god men faithfuH̄ and nedy þat ben in disese. And to þ^e execucion of this my testament and my last wiH̄ to be fulfilled̄, I ordeyn my trusty frendes, Iankyn̄ Miles, Thomas Knolles aforsaid̄, Elizabeth̄ Ioy, Ionet Okborne, and Iohn̄ Tailour, myne executours be thees presentes, that they wiH̄ do her besynesse to fulfyH̄ goddes wiH̄ and myne, as they woH̄ aunsuer afor gode. also I bequeth̄ to ich̄ of myn̄ executours takyng charge of ministracion of this my testament, v. marc̄, and reward̄ for her costages whan they labour specially for my maters. Into wyt̄nessyng of which̄ thyng, to this my present testament I haue put to my seeH̄: ȝeuen̄ at London̄, day, moneth̄, and ȝer, aforsayd̄.

Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne Estcourt & c̄, xviij° die Mensis Nouembris, Anno domini Millesimo xxij^do &c̄, et commissa fuit administracio Iohanni Miles, Elizabethe Ioy, Iohanne Okbourne et Iohanne Tailour, executoribus &c̄ Reseruata potestate & c̄, et habent ad exhibendum Inuentarium: ac secundo die Mensis Decembris Anno domini supradicto, acquietati fuerunt executores supradicti, & soluerunt pro fine iiij^or nobilia.

The *pore Caytife* (p. 50, l. 18) is a collection of religious tracts against abuses in the Romish Church, known by this common title, and formerly attributed to Wycliffe, tho wrongly, by Bp. Bale and others. On the authorship of it, see Shirley's Introduction to *Fasciculi Zizaniorum*, p. xiii, note 3. MSS. of it are Harleian 2335, -6, -9, &c., &c.; and part of it is in Douce 322, leaf 100.

SIR ROGER SALWAYN, KNIGHT, OF YORK, 1420.

[To be buried in the Grey Friars at York, with a flat marble stone over him. Gifts to the 4 Orders of Friars in York. All houshold goods and £500 to Wife. £400 for land for Son. Marriage portions for Daughters. Debts to be paid out of rents. Poor Tenants to be let off. A pilgrim to be sent to Jerusalem, at not more than £100. Gifts of Money and Horses to Relativs and Friends. Old Servants to be rewarded. Gifts of Armour. Money to Nun who nursd Testator in sickness. 40*s*. Annuity to a man. Furd garments to be sold for Testator's soul.]

(March, P. P. C., lf. 437 back.)

Test*amentum* Rogeri Saluayn, milit*is*. [*In margin.*]

In the name off gode, I, *sir* Roger Salwayn, Knygth̄, [1] þ^e^ xxvj· day off October in the yer off our lord^e^ M^l^ CCCC xx· makys my testament in this maner ·ffirst, I wyte my soule to gode almythty, to our lady seynt Mary, and to aH þ^e^ seinttes of hewin̄, and my bones to be*n* beriede in þ^e^ grey frerres atte ȝorke. Also I· wiH· that ther where my bones shaH be beryde, be a flate ston̄ off marbiH, ewyn̄ w*ith* the grou*n*de. Also I wiH þ*at* þ^e^ forsaid freres haue aH my gownes off clothn̄ off gold^e^ and off sylke, w*ith*-outyn þ^e^ ffurres. Also I wiH þ*at* þ^e^ same frers haue xl· li· for to synge and pray for me. Also I wiH þ*at* ilkon off þ^e^ other thre ordirs in ȝorke haue x marc^e^. Also I wiH þ*at* my wyffe haue aH my housholde holy, w*ith* v^c^l li that is in hir handes. Also I wiH þ*at* ther be ordeine for byynge off londe for Iohn Salwayn̄ my son̄, CCCC li; Also for þ^e^ mariage off Alison̄ my doughtir, CCCC marc^e^; Also for þ^e^ mariage off IsabeH my doughtir, CCC marc^e^. Also I wiH þ*at* my fader dettis, and my moders, be paide off my goode*s* that is in the Coillors [2] or in þ^e^ fermors handes off my rent; and if any ten*aun*t be so pou*er* that he may nought, for pou*er*tee, pay his ferme that is owing, I wiH þ*at* ther be nought reseyued off hym, but þ*at* he may resonably pay, and þ*at* þ^e^

[1] þ is for 'y' all thru. [2] Collectors. Fr. *cueillir*, to cull, collect.

remen*aun*t be for-ȝeffyñ. Also I wiłł *þat* som goode man be ordeine to goo for me to Iherusale*m* in pilgremage, and as far as is cost is lese than C łi in co*m*myng and goyng, *þat* hit be ȝewyn for my soule to poure men wher most[1] allmose is. Also I wiłł *þat* Richard Chace haue v marc' off monee, and a bay hors *þat* was Gerard' my soñ; William Lister xxłi. Thom*as* Fairchild' xl marc', Acris Mersk ·xx· łi; litiłł Petir, liard' [2] Manley and x· marc', and *þat* Acris Mersk haue þ^e^ grey geldyng; Gerard' and Ioh̄n my brethir, liard' [2] botiller, and a sorede [3] horse *þat* was bought off Henudeñ, and *þat* Edward my brethir chese. Also I wułł *þat* Gerard' my brodir haue xl· łi, and Thomas my brothir a place in Duffelde,[4] *ter*myn off his liue, *þat* I purchesede off Ioh̄n Fulthorpe; and after the desese off hym, to turn agayn to þ^e^ regłt haiers off me. Also I wiłł *þat sir* Rob*er*t Shottesbroke,[5] knyngłt, haue þ^e^ sorde hors; and litiłł Hans þ^e^ hoby,[6] and xl ·s'· aboveñ his hir. Also I wiłł that Frost Mores and litiłł Robyñ, ilkoñ off them, haue xl s'. Also I wiłł *þat* Pomfrettł̄,[7] skynn*er*, of ȝorke, be paied' of v. or vj· łi, whedir *þat* hit be, for furres *þat* my lady my moder knowes off. Also I wiłł þat William Tropmełł, taillo*ur*, of London, and Hunt, brouderere, be paied of their billes for makyng off a liuerey of myñ. Also I wiłł *þat* Henry Lound' haue a blake goun furred' v^l^ funes,[8] and a habirgo*un* of Mylen, opyn be-for, *þat* Richard Steł haues in hys kepyng. Also I· wiłł *þat* ȝiff any ser*uaun*t of myn haue labord' for me in my countree sen my fader died', *þat* they be resonably rewardid aftir the ser*uice* *þat* they haue doñ. Also ȝif any man can aske any dete off me, other be euidence, or *þat* they be credibiłł p*er*sones, I wiłł *þat* they be paied'. Also I wiłł that Elyñ Saluayñ, my brothir Gerard' doughtir, haue xl. marc' for hir mariage. Also I wiłł *þat* Gerard' my brothir haue a newe fure of martirs,[9] and I· habirgo*un*[10] of millon.

[1] ? most nede of. [2] grey. [3] sorrel, red roan?

[4] ? Duffield on the Derwent, N. of Derby.—Walker's *Gazeteer*, 1801.

[5] ? MS. Shoccesbroke.

[6] a small horse: 'the hobbie of Ireland' is among Harrison's 'outlandish horses.' Part II, p. 5 of my edn. New Shakspere Soc.

[7] ? MS. Pomsrecch.

[8] ? with funes, trimd with 'foynes,' or martin skins. See *Fouinne* in Cotgrave.

[9] See p. 36, above.

[10] The *Habergeon* was a smaller and lighter coat of mail or plate than the

Also I wiH þat Iohan my brothir haue I habirgoun of Gesseran.[1] Also I wiH þat þe Nonne þat kepid me in my seknes haue ij nobles, and þat ther be ȝif in-to the hous þat she wonnes in, 'xx' s'' for to syng and pray for me. Also I wiH þat Thomas Faarchild haue as mych monee as he may purches hym 'xl s'. be ȝer. Also I wiH þat aH þe ffurrurs þat I haue, be sould and doon for my saule. Also I wiH þat Chace haue a habirion of myne. executors of my testament, I wiH and ordeine Piers de la Hay, Gerard Saluayn, Robert Rodeston, sir Nichol Dixson, Clerk, Robert Cawode, Robert Day, Richard Chace, and Thomas Fairchild, to whom I ȝiff and wit þe residue of aH þe good and cateH þat I haue, þat they ordeine and dispose hit in sich wys as may be most meritory for my soule, as they wiH aunswere be-for gode on dredfull day of doom. [2]And the surveiors of my testament, I wiH and ordeine William Kylwolmerssh, Clerke, and my wyfe; wyttnessyng William Philipe Chiualer, Richard Wodeviff, William Lister, and other. Also I wiH þat William Lister haue as mych of monee as the sorde hors is worth, þat Shottesbroke haues.

Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne Estcourt, commissario &c[a], septimo die mensis Marcij, Anno domini Millesimo CCCC[mo] xxij[do] &c[a]; & Commissa fuit administracio omnium bonorum dicti defuncti, Ricardo Chace & Thome Faarchyld, executoribus in dicto testamento nominatis; et habent ad exhibendum Inuentarium citra festum pentecosti proximum iam futurum.

Hauberk, and was sometimes worn under that: see Chaucer's *Sir Thopas*. It had sleeves in Wace's time, as he tells us that Bp. Odo's haubergeon at the Battle of Hastings was loose in the body, and tight in the sleeves. 1876. Planché, *Cycl. of Costume*, i. 236.

[1] A light flexible piece of armour 'composed of small overlapping pieces of steel, fastened by one edge upon canvas, which was covered with cloth, silk, or velvet, the gilt heads of the rivets that secured the plates forming an ornament on the outside. It was used for cuisses, brassarts, and other portions of harness; but very generally in the 14th and 15th centuries [and no doubt in the Will abuv] for jackets.' 1876. Planché, *Cycl. of Costume*, i. 313. (See the woodcuts of two Jazerant Jackets on p. 314.)

[2] leaf 438.

[This ends the English Wills in Register 'March.']

ROGER FLORE (OR FLOWER), ESQ., OF LONDON, AND OAKHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE, 1424-5.

[Son Thomas to have all silver plate and household goods in Testator's Inn at London, and some at Oakham, with Towels, Cup, Pots, &c.: also Carts, Ploughs, Horses & Gear. A large Maser to be an heirloom. Other plate, &c. to heir and sons Robert, Roger, and John, and daughters Anneys and Joan. Wife Cecile to have the rest of silver plate and some other goods; residue to heir. Corn, malt, and live stock to go to purposes of the will. Milch Cows, half to Wife, ha. to heir. Best ambling Horse to Wife; next to son-in-law Sir H. Plesyngton; next to son Thomas: other riding horses to Wife and son Thomas. Furrd gowns among Children; other clothes among Servants. Armour to sons Robert and Thomas. Executors to keep children's money. Gold Rings, &c. to women relativs. Beads, &c. to the Master of Manton. Money to old Servants. Arcbt roof of Oakham steeple to be built. Portas, or portable Breviary, to son Thomas. For *Will of Realty* see p. 59.]

(Luffenam, leaf 69.)

Test*amentum* Rogeri Flore. [*In margin.*]

In dei nomine Amen. Ego, Rogerus Flore, miser et indignus, de Okeham, compos mentis, laudet*ur* altissimus, xv° die Aprilis, Anno domini Mille*s*imo cccc^mo^ xxiiij^to^, condo testamentum meum in hunc modu*m*. [*A leaf and 3 quarters of Latin testament follows, with 4 appointment of Executors, on leaf 69 back, as follows:*—]

"Et ad istam execuc*i*onem bene et fideliter faciend*am*, ordino et constituo Ioh*a*nnem Clerk de Wyssenden, Rad*ulph*um Humberstone de leic*estria*, Ric*ardum* Hawey, Mag*istrum* cantarie de Manton, & Will*elmum* Baxtir, custodem Hospitalitatis de Okeham, Executores meos, ad disponend*um* & exequend*um* testamentum meum & voluntatem meam p*redict*as, cum sup*er*uisione Henrici Plesyntoñ militis, p*rout* velint coram su*m*mo Iudice respondere" . . . . . .

Codicillus eiusd*em* Roger*i*. [*In margin.*]

[I. *Testament of the Personalty.*]

IN þe name of almyghty god, fader and soñ and holy gost, Amen. I, Roger Flore of Okeham[1], declare my last wiH in þis bille, als

[1] *Oakham*, a parish and market-town, in the soke of Oakham, county of Rutland, of which it is the chief town, 95 miles N.N.W. from London.—*Lewis.*

weⁿ of my testament as of my landⁿ þat standeȝ in feffeȝ[1] handes. First I wille þat my testament be, with the grace of god, fulfilled; and as touching my housholde, my wille is, þat Thomas my sone haue aⁿ my seluere vesseⁿ þat I haue atte London, þat is to sey, a basyn and an Ewerⁿ of syluere, too gilt peces flat couered, too peces of siluere whit[2] lowe feet, þe oone couered with gilt brerdes, and þre goblettes of syluere, oone couered, and a poteⁿ pot of syluere, and a syluere salerⁿ, and a doseyn spones of too suites, and fourⁿ chargeours, six disches, and six saucers of siluere merkid with a sink foil vnder þe brerdeȝ. Also I wul he haue al myn other houshouldⁿ þat I haue atte Londen, except my bed of Tapistree, þe which I wuⁿ my welbeloved wife Cecile haue; þe which houshouldⁿ is in myn In, in keping of my *seruaunt* Rolleston by bille endented, of which þe oone bille is in my trussing [3]coferⁿ. I wol also my sayd sone Thomas haue my paled bed of wursted, white and rede, with þe costers þe which seruen for my chambre I lye Inne atte Okeham, and a rede bed of wursted with þe costers the which hengen in þe newe chamberⁿ next my chamberⁿ; and I wuⁿ he haue to þe oone bed a peyre fustyans, and to þe oþer a peyre blankett*is*, and to ilk of þe too bedd*is* too peyre schetys goode, and a matras and a canvas; and I wuⁿ he haue oon fetherbed; and I wuⁿ he haue too *seruaun*tes beddys for þe too said chambers. I wuⁿ also he haue too fyne bordeclothes, þe one of werk, þe oþer playn, with goode sanapes[4] and wasshyngtowels, boþe for beforⁿ mete and afterⁿ. Also I wuⁿ he haue my maserⁿ of a vine rote, the which was my faders, and þe peces of syluere made in þe boþum like perles, and too pott*is* of bras, and too pannes, and too spytes, and a peyre rakkes of yryne, and to brandernes, and to doseyn of pewter vesseⁿ, and too cors bordcloþes, and too peire cors sanapes, and þre candelstykes of latoñ. Also I wuⁿ he haue my cartes and my plowes, and aⁿ my hors þat longen to hem, withⁿ aⁿ herⁿ gere. also I wuⁿ he haue my grete maserⁿ þe which I calle ȝele[5], for þe terme of his life, and so from heirⁿ to heyrⁿ lome: and no man merueil

[1] The final 'ȝ' is generally a contraction for *es*, so that 'feffeȝ' may be 'feffe*es*'; but as both 'brerdes' and 'brerdeȝ' are used for the same thing below, 'ȝ' had better be read 'z' here. 'feffes' is on p. 60, as well as 'feffeȝ.'

[2] with. [3] leaf 70. [4] hand-napkins. [5] ? MS. ȝole.

þogħ I do weħ to him, for when almyghty god list to take me oute of þis wreched world to his mercy, þan shaħ he be left faderles and moderles, grauntfaderles and *gra*untmoderles. And yf hit so befeħ þat he died, leuyng' me, þan wuħ I þat myn eldest sone þat ou*ere*- leueth̄ me haue hit[1] I haue be-qweythen my sayd' son*e* Thomas. More ou*ere* I wuħ þat Robert my soñ haue my flat cou*ered'* pece whith̄ a sqware pomeħ, and an oþer flat pece of þe suit þat were my faders, (of whos soule god haue m*er*cye,) and six spones of sylu*ere*; and Iames my soñ þe keu*ered* pece þe which̄ þe p*er*soñ of Bereughby gaf me, and six spones of sylu*ere*; and Roger my soñ þe keu*ered* pece of syluer þe which̄ was mayster Robert*is* Stoneh*am*, and is pounces whith̄ a crane, and six selu*ere* spones ouer þe other keu*ered'* pece, þe which̄ my lord' Le Ware gaf him whan he was cristned'; and Iohn' my soñ a keu*ered'* pece and six spones of siluer'; and I wul þat my said' soñ Robert haue my best gilt pece keuered', and Rog*er* my said' son*e* my gilt keu*ered'* goblet þat was Camews. Also I wuħ þat Anneys my doughter haue þe standing pece þat was my faders, keuered', and my gilt pece þat Steneby gaf me, and a quart pot of siluer', and six spones of siluer', and a basyn and an Ewer' of siluer'; and my doughter' Iohn' a keuered' pece of siluer', þe which þe p*rovest* of Coderstoke gaf me, and six silu*er* spones; and I wul þat ilk of my said childr*e* haue a bed, þat is to say, couerlide, tapite, blankett*is*, too peyre schetes, matras, and canvas. And þan wul I þat my welbelou*ed'* wyfe Cecile haue alle þe remen*aunt* of my sylu*ere* vesseħ, pottes, peces, and spones, basyn and Ewer' of silu*ere*, powderbox and salers of silu*ere*, beddyng', napery and pewter vesseħ, brasse spytes, rakkes and brandernes of erne; and aħ myn other howshold', saf suche as longeth̄ to þe gamerye, I wul abyde to myn heyr'. And I wul þat non of my corñ, nor malt, ne quyk catel, be take*n* for houshold', but I wul it helpe to fulfulle my testament, saf þat I wul þat my wyf haf of my corn and malt als myche as hire nedeth̄, til newe come, by delyueraunce of myn Executours, if she wul holde houshold'. And I wul my wyf haf half my mylche kye, and myn heyr' þe other' half. And after my principal is taken, I wul my wyf haf my best ambeler', and my son*e*, *sir* Herre Plesyngtoñ, wylk him like*þ* best, after' preying

[1] hit = hit þat, what, the property which.

hym to be gode maystre to my children; and þen wul I þat my soñ Thomas haf þe best next; and þe remen*aun*t of my rode horses I wul be dep*ar*tyd betwene my wyfe and my soñ Thomas; but I wul my wyf chese first. Also I wul þat my gownes for my body, þe whicħ ben ffurred whitħ pelur*e*, be dalt among*is* my childre, to ilke after here degre and age, so þat Thomas and Anneys haue four [1] of þe best. And I wul þat þe remen*aun*t of my clo*þ*es for my body be dalt amonges my ser*uaun*tes,—of þe whicħ I wul that Thomas Campioñ be þought on—to ilke after þeyr degrees. And I wul þat Rob*er*t my soñ haue oon of my swerdes, and one of my basilardes harneysed with silu*er*e, and one of my silu*er*e girdeles. And I wul þat Thomas my sone haue myn oþer silu*er*e girdeħ, and myn oþ*er* wepen and arm*er*ur. Also I wul þat Thomas my sone haue my termes þat I haf of Westm*inster* in þe p*er*sonage of Okeh*am*. Also I will þat þe money þe whicħ I haue be-qweþen to my childre to [2] putte in sure keping be myn Executours, so þat þey mowe haue þat is be-qweþen hem when þei come to ȝeres of discrecion, if þey lif so longe; and elle þat it mowe be disposyd by myn Executours as I haue ordeyned by my testament, requirynge my seid Executours, as þey wul onswere to god, þat þey (for no fauour) put hit but as þey suppose and truste be her consciens it shal be sure. And I wul þat Anneys Samoñ, my wyfes moder, Margeret Spriggy, and Alys Rowele and Ionet Humberstone, Beatrice Swetenham, myn aunte, and my cosin Sithynge, half ilk of hem a gode goldringe, or a broche of gold, or a good peyr of bedys, for a remembraunce of me. And I wil þe Maister of Mantoñ haf my pair of bedys þat I vse my self, with þe x aues of silu*er*e, and a pat*er* noster ou*er*-gilt, preying him to haue mynde of me sumtime whan he seitħ oure lady sawter on hem. Also I wil þat Iohñ Brigg and Willi*am* Lewes haf, ilke of hem, xl. s'. for here oold ser*u*ice; and Robert Martfeld xiij s', iiij d; and koc kook [3] a noble, and Toume [*so*] Campioñ a noble. and if þe voute [4] of Okeh*am* stepil be not made in my lif, þe whicħ I haf made couen*aun*t of with Thomas Nuntoñ, Masoñ, to gif him .v. mark for þe werkmansshipe,

[1] leaf 70 back. [2] ? read 'be.' [3] Cock, the cook (?).

[4] *Voulte*: f. a vault or arch; also, a vaulted or embowed roofe. 1611.—Cotgrave.

(of þe whicħ I haue paied him a noble on ernest,) I wol þe same couen*aun*t be fulfillid of my good after my decesse as sone as myn necbours wul ordeyn for þe stuffe þat shaH go *per*-to, of þe whicħ stuffe Richard Oxenden haiþ paied to Fairchild, q*uarriour*, xiij s' and iiij d for freeston*e*. More-ou*er* I wuH þat Thomas my soñ haue my portoos, charging him, on my blessing, that he kepe hit, terme of his lif, so that god wuH her-after sende him deuocioñ to sey his *ser*uice þer-on, as I haue don*e*, þat þenne he may haue suchi a good honest boke of his owne; and if god ewre[1] him to dye or me, I wul þanne my eldest soñ haue it to þe same entent. And I pray to þe blessed T*ri*nite that of his endles m*er*cye and goodnesse he sende my children grace to be gode men and wo*m*men, and to ȝelde him gode soules, þorougħ þe help*e* and praier of oure lady seint Marye, and of aH þe seyntes of heun*e*. Amen.

[II.. *Will of the Realty.*]

[2 Lincolnshire Manors to Wife for life, while sole; then 1 to son Thomas, and 1 to son James, in tail. If Wife marries, her estate to go to sons Robert and Thomas. If not, Robert to have Oakham and Masthorpe lands for his mother's life, with remainder to son Thomas in tail. Brantoft land to son Roger in tail. Halton lands to son John in tail. Other Rutland and Leicestershire lands to son Thomas in tail. Dwelling-place to Wife for a year; then to son Thomas. Feoffees to make these Settlements by Indentures. Heirs' deeds to be kept in a coffer in Oakham Almshouse, and given to each when he's of age. Other children's deeds to be copied for the eldest son. Each child under age to have his rents for maintenance. Testator's Ward, T. Dale, either to marry Testator's daughter Anneys—in which case her portion is to be reduced—or the right of his marriage to be sold.

Codicil. Oct. 1425, p. 63. Son James to hav an Annuity of £5 out of Leicestershire land while his mother stays sole; also part of his brother Robert's land, if Robert turns priest; in which case his brother William is to have the estates given to Robert for his mother's life. The whole Will and Codicil written by Testator.]

And moreou*er*, for als mykyl as at diuerce feffementes þat I haue mad to diu*er*ce men of *cer*teyn p*art* of my lond, to þe entent þat þey shulde do my wylle lyke as in sum wrytynges and condicions vpon þe same feffementes it is more pleynly conteyned, And also for als

[1] ? *ure*, destine. Fr. *heur:* m. Hap, lucke, fortune, chaunce.—Cotgrave. MS. may be 'cwre.'

mykel as diuers men haf ioint astate whit me in diuerce of my purchace be wey of truste for to fulfylle my wille whan I required hem, or declared it to hem, Nowe I declare here my laste wille, als wel to my saide feffez as to my ioint feffes: First I wul and ordeyne that my ioint feffez of my maners of Stenby[1] and Braceby,[2] with here appurtenaunces, in Lin[c]olne-shire, suffre my wyfe Cecile haue þe profitez of þeim all þe while she lyveþ sool withoute husbond. And if she take þe mantel and þe rynge, and avowe chastite, than wul I þat forth-with my said ioint feffes make her astate, for terme of hir lif, of þe same too lordshipes, vp condicion þat she lyve sool, withoute husbond; the remaindre of þe maner of Steneby, with þe appurtenaunces, to Thomas my son and heir, and to þe heires of his body comynge; and for defaute of heires of his body comynge, to þe heires of my body comynge; and for defaut of issu of my body comynge, to my right heires. And þe remaindre of þe said maner of Braceby, wiþ þe appurtenaunces, to Iames my son, and to þe heires of his body comynge; and for defaute of heires of his body comynge, to þe heires of my body begetyn; And for defaute of issu of my body begetyn, þe remaindre to my right heires. And if my said wif take hir an husbond, þanne wul I þat my said ioint feffez make astate to Robert, my son, of my said maner of Steneby with þe appurtenaunce3 for terme of his moder lyf Cecile / the remaindre of þe said manere with þe appurtenaunce3 to my son Thomas, and to the heires of his body comynge, and so forth, as hit is declared a-fore. And if hit so be þat my said wif take þe mantell and þe rynge, avowe chastite as hit is said [3]before, and þer-vpon haue astate of my said too maners for terme of hir lif, þe remaindre forth as hit is before declared, þan wul I þat my ioint feffez of my landes and tenementes þat I bought of Richard Oxenden in Okeham, and also þat my ioint feffez of my land and tenementez in Mastorpe, And also my ioint feffez of the burgate in þe newgate of Okeham, þe which I bought of Richard Milner, make astate of þeim to Robert my son a-fore-said for terme of the lyf of his moder Cecile; þe remaindre of þeim to my son

[1] *Stenby* is Stainby, near the Leicestershire border; 9 miles South of Grantham.—E. Peacock.

[2] *Braceby*, a village 7 miles East of Grantham.—E. P. [3] leaf 71.

Thomas and to þe heires of his body; and for defaute of issu of his body, þanne to þe heires of my body; and for defaute of issu of my body, þe remaindre to my right heires, so þat my ful wiH is, þat if my saiḋ soñ Robert haf not Steneby, þat þanne he haf þese other þinges as hit is a-fore declareḋ. More-ouere my wiH is, þat my ioint feffeȝ of my landes and tenementes in Branntoft[1] in Lyndeseye make astate of þeim to Roger my soñ, and to þe heires of his body comynge; and for defaute of [issu of] his body comynge, þe remaindre to my soñ Thomas and to þe heires of his body comynge; and for defaute of issu of his body comynge, to þe heires of my body comynge; and for defaute of issu of my body, þanne to my right heires. Also I wul þat my ioint feffeȝ of my landes and tenementes, whitH her appur-tenaunces, in Halton in Lyndesey,[2] make astate of þeim to IohH my soñ, and to þe heires of his body comynge; and for defaute of issu of his body, þe remaindre to þe heires of my body; and for defaut of issu of my body, forþ to my right heires; so þat my wyH is, þat þe remaindre of aH my landes and tenementes þat I ordeyn to myn other childreñ fro myn heir, abide, for defaute of issu of þeim, to myn eldest soñ and heir þat ouer lyueth hem, and þanne forthH as hit is a-fore declareḋ. More-ouer my wyH is þat aH myn enfeffeȝ of oþer diuerce of my landes and tenementes in Rotelaṅḋ and Leycestre-shire, als wel þo þat stande enfeffeḋ by me, as þo þat ben ioint feffeḋ with me, make astate of þeim to my saiḋ soñ Thomas and to þe heires of his body comynge; And for defaute of issu of his body comynge, þe remaindre to þe heires of my body; and for defaut of issu of my body, þe remaindre to my right heires, saf þat I wul þat myn enfeffeȝ of my place þat I wone Inne, suffre my wyf wone þer-Inne a ȝere after my decesse, if she wille, so þat she take no husbonḋ in þe mene tyme; And after þat, I wul þat my saiḋ enfeffeȝ make astate þerof to my saiḋ soñ Thomas, as of þe remenaunt it is a-fore declareḋ. And if hit so befelle þat my saiḋ soñ Thomas dieḋ to-fore þise astates afore-saiḋ

[1] *Branntoft.* I think this is Bratoft, 5 miles East of Spilsby.—E. Peacock.

[2] *Halton*, East, in the East Division of the Wapentake of Yarborough, Parts of Lindsey, co. of Lincoln . . 11 m. N.W. from Great Grimsby. *Halton Holgate* in the East Division of the Soke of Bolingbroke, Parts of Lindsey, co. of Lincoln . . 1½ m. E.S.E. from Spilsby. *Halton West* in the N. Division of the Wapentake of Morley, Parts of Lindsey . . 7 m. S. by E. from Settle.—*Carlisle.*

made, þenne wille I þat like astate be made to myn eldest soñ þat þanne ouer-lyueth̃ him; and my wille is, þat alle þe astates beforesaid̃ be made by dede endented̃, to þat entent þat one of þe dedys mow be deliuered̃ to him þat þe gyft shal be made to, and þe oþer to myn heir̃, because of þe remaindre. And I wul þat myn heires dedys be kept whiþ þe remenaunt of my dedys in þe same cofer̃ þat my dedys beþ kept in nowe, and so delyuered him to his vse; And I wul þat þe oþer parties of þe dedys endentyd, with̃ þe remenaunt of þe dedys þat longen to myn oþer childre, be put in þe cofre þat Thomas Audeby gaf me, in þe which̃ my seluer vesseH̃ is now kept, til ilk childe come of age to receyve þat longes to him; And þat[1] last shal receyue his dedes, I wil þat he haf þe cofre whit-aH̃; so þat I wil þat þey haue no lyuere of þeir̃ dedys til þey come til ȝeres of age and discrecion to resceyue hem. And if þey died or þei came to such̃ age, þanne his dedes þat so died were deliuered̃ to myn heir̃. And I wolde þat þe substanciaH̃[2] dedes of myn oþer childre were copied, and þe copies put amonge myn heirs dedes for a remembraunce. and if it myght godely, I wolde alle þe giftes aforesaid̃ were done by fyn,[3] for more suerte, on my cost. And my wil is, þat þise astates be made al so sone as þei mowe godely after my decesse, and þat my said̃ children haue ilk of hem þe profit of þaire lande þat I ordeyn hem, forth̃whith̃ anone after my dirige. And I wul þat þe said cofre that myn other children dedes shul be kept in, be kept in þe Almeshouse of Okeham, vndre þre keyes, too vnder keping of myn Executours, and þe þridde vnder þe keping of an ouerseer of my testament,[4] so þat þei mow make deliueraunce to my childre of her̃ dedes, as hit is seid before. I write nomore atte þis time, but þat I prey to almyghty god als entierly as any synful man may [5]prey, þat of his endeles mercy and grace, þorough þe preier̃ of oure lady seint Marye and alle þe seintes of heuen̄, he haf mercy of my synful soule, and bring hit to his blis, and gyf myn Executours grace to make good ende of my testament and wille, and my feffeȝ also of my feffementes, Amen.

[1] þat = who that, he who. [2] original.

[3] That Fines were to be levied by the 'Enfeffeȝ' in favour of the several Devisees.

[4] Sir Harry Plesyngton is named as Overseer, in the Latin Testament: see p. 55. [5] leaf 71 back.

writen with̄ myn owne hand̄ þe xviij. day Apriłł, þe ȝere specefied in my said̄ testament. And as touching þe warde and mariage of Thomas Dale, my wiłł is, but if he and my doughter̄ Anneys mowe acorde by þe asseynt of hire moder Cecile, elles I wul þat þe warde and mariage of him be sold̄ to my profit per̄ hit may be to his worshipe. And I wul þat þe profit, þat comeþ per-of, helpe to fulfylle my testament and wille, if hit nede be, and elles be done for my soule by myn Executours. And if my said̄ doughter Anneys and he acorde of mariage, þan wul I gyf hire þe mariage, abatyng for hir̄ C li̇ that I haf beqweþen hire be my testament, lx. li̇[1], þe which̄ I wil, helpe to fulfilling of my testament and wil, if it nede, and elles be done by myn Executours for my soule and for alle cristen soules. And also I wil þat Iohn̄ Ondeley haf a couer̄yd pece of siluer, price of xl· s', or elles xl .s' to bie one whith̄, of my cost, for a remembraunce of me. my wille is also þat my newe vestment þat I made[2] last, be deliuered̄ to myn Auter̄ in þe kyrke, þer to serue and abide in remembraunce of me while it wul endure, to þe wurshipe of god; and Ihc̄ [*Jesus*] mak gode ende.

[III. *Codicil.* Oct. 1425. *Abstract on* p. 59.]

And for asmoche as .I. Roger Flore, ouerseying my testament and wille, haue conceyued̄ þat I haue not ordeyned what Iames my son̄ shulde haue during his moder lyf, soole, whithouten husbonde, þerfore my wille is, þat my ioint feffeȝ of my purchace of Leesthorpe[3] in Leicestreshire, graunte by her̄ dede, to Iames my said̄ sone, an annuite of .C s' of my said̄ purchas of Leesthorpe, to haue hit for terme of his moder lif Cecile, if she lyue sool, so þat, after her̄ decesse, or if she take hir̄ an husbond̄, he mowe haue þe remaindre of Braceby, like as I haue ordeined̄ for him in my wiłł, so þat whanne þe remaindre falleþ to him, þat þanne þe saide annuite of an C s' sese. And I wul þat þe said̄ graunte of þe said̄ annuite be graunted̄ with̄ clause of destresse paieable atte too termes, þat is to say, at Esterne and

[1] ? does this mean that her Portion is to drop to £40 or to £60 ?

[2] ? = cauzd to be made.

[3] *Leesthorpe*, in the hund. of Gartree, though locally situate in the hund. of Guthlaxton, Co. of Leicester; in the Parish of Pickwell . . . It is 4 m. S.E. by S. from Melton Mowbray.—*Carlisle.*

Michelmesse. Furthermore my will is, þat if Robert my son be a prest in time to come, seyng þat þanne my lande þat is tayled to him in Leicestre, Whytewell[1] and Litel Hamildon[2] shulde descende to þe said Iames, þat þanne þe remaindre of Braceby a-fore said be til William my sone after þe decesse of his moder Cecile; or if she take hire an husbond, as hit is rehersyd a-fore. More-ouer my will is, þat if my said son Robert be here-aftir prest, as hit is said before, þanne wul I, if he haf any benefice of holychirche or prebende, þat þanne þe astate þat I ordeigned þat ioint feffeȝ of my londes and tenementes þat I bought of Richard Oxenden of Okeham, and also of my burgage þe which I bought of Richard Mylnere in þe Newgate of Okeham, and my ioint feffeȝ of my landes and tenementes in Masthorpe, shulde haf made to Robert my sone for þe terme of his moder lif in such manere and forme as hit is declared in my former will, þat þanne þay shall make astate of þe said londes and tenementes to my said sone William in such manere and fourme as þei shulle haue made to my said sone Robert, wiþ þe remaindre as hit is in my former wille declared. In witnes of which þis my writyng of myn own hond, I haue annexed þis my wille with my testament and former wille, vnder my seal of myn armes, affermyng my said testament and former wille except *þat*[3] is chaunged in þis my last wille. writen at Okeham þe Fryday a-fore þe fest of þe aposteles, Seint Simon and Iude,[4] þe ȝere of oure lord a þousand foure hundred and xxv. and þe ȝere of þe reigne of [5]King Herry þe sext after þe conquest, þe fourte. And I prey my feffeȝ þat alle þese astatys, by þe avys of a wel lerned man of þe lawe, of my cost, to be paied by myn Executours. Almyghty god make good ende! Amen.

Proba*ta fuerunt presens* testamentu*m* & codicill*um* cora*m* Magi*stro* Ioh*anne* Lyndefeld, Co*m*missari*o* &c, xx die mens*is* Iunij, Anno d*omi*ni Mille*si*mo cccc^mo^ vicesimo octauo, & co*m*miss*a* est admi*nis*tracio *omnium* bonor*um* dicti defu*nc*ti dic*to* Ric*ardo* Hiwey, & d*omi*no Wille*l*mo Baxter, Exec*utoribus* in eodem testamento nomi*natis*, Reser*uata* potestate, &c.

[1] Whitwell in the Hundred of Alstoe. The Flores held an estate there under the Prior of St. John of Jerusalem.—J. H. R.

[2] Little Hambledon, in the Hundred of Martinsly. The Flores held the Manor under the Ferrers family.—J. H. R.

[3] what, that which.

[4] Oct. 28.

[5] leaf 72.

WILLIAM NEWLAND, OF LONDON AND NORMANDY, 1425.

[Going on a Journey. Pilgrims to be sent to Rome, Jerusalem, Canterbury, St. Michael's Mount, and St. James's of Compostella, for Testator's soul, and Priests to sing for it. Gifts of gilt and silver Cups and Goblets, Bed, and Money. Gifts to Parson and Clerk of St. Thomas's, London, and Prisoners and Poor. Goods for Testator's soul.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, lf. 170 bk.)

Brigide.[1] T. Willelmi Newland. Habent acquietanciam. [*In margin.*]

I, William Newland, wol þat al men know þat þis here-vnder writen ys my last will, what þat euer god ordene for me in my Iorneye. First, for to dispose my goodis: þe goodis that be in a paire of trussing cofres in the kepyng of Thomas Broun, y wol þat a man be founden þerwith to go to Rome and to Ierusalem, and to haue þer-of for his costes and labour 1 marc[2]; a-noþer for to go fro the Sword in Fletstrete vn-to Caunterbury, barefot, x s'; and a-noþer for to ride or go vn-to seynt Michell mount[3] xx s'; and a-noþer to seynt Iames in Galis[4] C s'; and for v prestis for to synge at chirch of seint Thomas of Postlis[5] a hool yere, 1 marc[2]; and for oþer v prestis the next yere suyng in þe same place, 1 marc[2]. And y will þat sir Thomas Fawkys haue two gilt cuppis couered, and ij pecis of siluer. and also it is my will þat Elianor of Coton[6] haue C marc to her mariage, and a browded bed wiþ þe costures þerto, and a cup of Siluer and ij gobelettis. also y wol þat Thomas Pounce haue x marc. also y wol þat Thomas Broun and his wyff haue viij

[1] St. Bridget's, or St. Bride's, Fleet St., in Faringdon Ward Without.

[2] Fifty marks, £32 14*s.* 4*d.* : over £300 in present money.

[3] That in Cornwall, not that in Britany, as only 20*s.* is allowd.

[4] St. James's of Compostella, in Galicia, Spain.

[5] The Church of St. Thomas the Apostle was in '*Knight riders street* . . by *Wring-wren lane*, a proper Church, and in the yeere 1629. well repaired and finely garnished.'—Stow's *Survey of London*, ed. 1633, p. 258, col. 2. It was burnt in the Great Fire of 1666, and not rebuilt. The parish was joind to St. Mary Aldermary, Bow Lane, Watling St.

[6] There's a Coton 2 miles N. of Cambridge, and another near Rugby, in Warwickshire.

marc. Also y wol þat Iohn of Merbury[1] haue x marc. also y wol þat þe persone of seynt Thomas apostolis haue xiij s' iiij d, and þe clerk vj s' viij d. also y wol þat xl marc be delid to prisoners and to pore folkys. also þe remenant of my harneys and oþer goodis, y will þat it be disposed for my sowle, and for all þe saules þer euer y had ony good of: and þis y yeue in charge, wiþ witte and good mende, to myn executours, as þey wol answere a-for god, to be treuly disposed as it ys a-boue writen. and herevpon y make myn Executours, Thomas Fawkes a-fore writen, and Elianor of Coton, Thomas Pounce & Thomas Broun. Writen þe xx day of Decembre in London be me William Newland. And y wol þat al my rentis and goodis in Normandie be disposed be William Faukeswell and be Pers Gely, þe half for to be don for my sowle, and þe oþer half y ȝeue hem frely for to do trewly for me. and her-to y set þe seale of my Armes to witnesse.

Probatum fuit hoc testamentum coram nobis Dauid Price, vicario Reuerendi in christo patris & domini Willelmi, dei gratia Londonie Episcopi, in spiritualibus generali, xv kalendarum Augusti, anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ xxvj^to^, Et per nos legitime pronunciatum pro eodem. Et commissa est administracio omnium bonorum presens testamentum concernencium, infra iurisdiccionem Londonie existencium, Elianore of[2] Coton, Thome Pounce & Thome Broun executoribus superius nominatis, iuratis primitus in forma iuris, & admissis per eosdem, facultate committenda administracionem huiusmodi Thome Faukys, executori superius nominato, cum venerit, & eandem subire voluerit, nobis specialiter reseruata. In cuius rei testimonium, sigillum quo in huiusmodi officio vicariatus vtimur, presentibus apposuimus. Datum Londonie, die & anno domini supradictis.

[1] Merbury is not in Walker's *Gazetteer*. [2] so.

WILLIAM DAVY, FISHMONGER, LONDON, 1426.

[To be buried in St. Clement's, East-Cheep. Gifts to the Works, Parson and Clerk of the Church, and other Priests. Small bequests to Brother, Sister, and friends. Residue for Testator's Soul.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, lf. 228.)

C[lement] Est[chepe]. *Testamentum* Wille*l*mi Davy. H*a*b*e*nt acq*uietanciam*.[1] [*In margin.*]

In þ^e^ name of god, amen. In the xxvij day of nouember, The ȝere of our' lord M. CCCC^mo^ xxvj, I. Will*iam* Dauy, Fyschmongere and Citezyn of Londõ, In hool mynde, make and ordeyne my Testament in *th*is man*er*: Ferst I be-quethe my sowle to al-myghty god and to al þ^e^ seyntis, my body to be beryed in þ^e^ Cherche-ȝerd of seynt Clement*is* be syde Est chepe[2]. Al-so I be-quethe to *th*e werkes of *th*e forseyd cherche, xl s'. Al-so I be-quethe to *th*e person*e* of *th*e sayde cherche, xiij s' iiij d. Also I be-quethe to *th*e mayst*er* clerke iij s' iiij d. Also I be-quethe sere Wilȝam Podõ, iij s'. iiij d. Also I be-quethe sere Iohñ Buk, iij s' iiij d. Also I wele *th*at eu*e*ry prest *th*at is at my dyrige and at messe, haue vj d. Also I be-quethe Margrete Schiplake, xl s'. Al-so I be-quethñ Waket, prentys w*ith* Schiplake, vj s' viij d. Also I be-quethe Iohñ Davy my brothñer xl. s'. Also I be-quethe Margery my sister', xx s'. And þ^e^ residue of al my godys aft*er* my testament is fulfyllyd and my dettys payd, *th*ey be disposyd for my soule aft*er* *th*e disposicion of my executour. and to *th*is I make and ordeyne Will*iam* Schiplake, Barbour, myn executour; and I be-quethe *th*e same Will*iam* xl s'; Al-so ȝeue hym w*ith*-owte *that*, for hese labour*e*, vj s' viij d. Item I be-quethe Iohñ Lowesley vj s' viij d. Wittenessis, sere Andrewe Norwiche, p*er*son*e*,[3] and Thomas Rokewode, clerk.

[1] The Executors have paid their dues to the Court.

[2] This is a small Church, void of Monuments, other than of *Francis Barnam*, Alderman, who deceased 1575, and of *Benedict Barnam* his sonne, Alderman also 1598.—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 235, col. 1. This Church was repaired and beautified at the cost and charge of the Parishioners, in the yeere of our Lord God, 1632.—*ib.* p. 832, col. 1. Burnt in the Great Fire, 1666; rebuilt by Wren.

[3] Probably the Parson drew up the Will. See the Common Form for Wills

Probatum est & c. ij° non*arum* Decembr*is*, anno d*omi*ni sup*ra*dicto, coram Rob*er*to Derffeld' &c c. Et co*m*miss*a* est &c Will*el*mo Schiplake, executori sup*ra*dicto. Et admiss*um* *per* eundem, iurato
4 p*ri*mitus in forma iur*is*.

WM. HANYNGFELD, ESQ.,[1] OF ESSEX AND SUFFOLK, 1426.

[To be buried at Bikinacre, Essex. Small sums of money to its priests, and poor, and Church; to his Suffolk tenants, and the Church of Lawshall. Much of his land to be sold; and out of its price, 2 Priests to be got to sing for 40 years for Testator's and others' souls; alms to be given; 4 lepers to have 4 marks yearly for 10 years; Obit to be kept yearly in 3 churches; poor of 3 Essex hundreds to have 20 marks a year for 10 years; 6 marks (£4) to be spent on Laffar bridge, and 500 marks on Eastford bridge. Household goods to go to children. Testator to have a tomb like Sir Thomas More's [2], with a broad stone and 4 pillars; and on the stone, a Brass of his wife and 7 children, &c. Bequests to priests, clerks, poor, and poor tenants. Legacies to Executors, &c. Servants to be rewarded. P. Dene to have an annuity out of land. Feffees (trustees) to convey land as Executors direct. Children to have £100 each, and be governd by Executors.]

(Luffenam, P. P. C., leaf 45.)

Test*amentum* Will*elmi* Hanyngfeld'. [*In margin.*]

In nomi*ne* *sancte* & indiuidue Trinitatis, p*atris* et filij et sp*iritus* *sancti*, Amen. In festo *sancti* Egidij Abb*atis*, Anno d*omi*ni Mille*si*mo CCCC^mo^ xxvj^to^, Anno regni Regis Henrici sexti post con-
8 questu*m* Anglie quinto, Ego, Will*el*mus Hanyngfeld', Armig*er*, in mea libera et spontanea voluntate, ac in bona et sana memoria mea existens, videns & precogitans in mortis p*ericulum*, Ideo hoc presens

drawn by Parsons when applied to, in Bp. Lacy's *Liber Pontificalis*, cited in the *Notes*, on a Widow's Vow of Chastity. This Form included gifts to the Church, Parson, Clerk, &c.

[1] William Hanyngfield of Claydon's in East Hanningfield, Chelmsford Hundred.—*Inquisitiones post mortem*, 5 Hen. VI.—H. R.

[2] This was Thos. More (or Moor), Dean of St. Paul's, who rebuilt the Chapel in Pardon Cloister, and was buried there in 14 . . See p. 104, note 1.—J. H. R.

testamentum meum, voluntatem meam in se continens, condo, facio, & ordino in hunc modum. In primis lego et commendo animam meam deo omnipotenti, creatori meo, [1]beatissimeque & gloriosissime dei genitrici, virgini Marie, matris sue, & omnibus sanctis[1]; corpusque meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia sancti Iohannis Baptiste de Bykenare,[2] in Capella sancti Nicholai. Item lego cuilibet sacerdoti ad exequias meas existenti, vj d. Item lego cuilibet clerico interessenti ibidem, iiij d. Item lego cuilibet pauperi ij d, et si necesse[3] fuerit causa paupertatis, iiij d. Item lego pauperibus meis tenentibus ibidem per viam, xx s'. Item lego tenentibus meis in Comitatu Suffolkie, xl. s'. Item lego fabrice ibidem pro factura ecclesie, si non deueniat ad manus prioris, sed per visum Iohannis Borham, C. marcas, videlicet pro reparacione capelle ibidem vbi corpus meum sepultum fuerit. Item lego pro factura ecclesie de LawseH[4] in Comitatu Suffolkie, ad orandum pro antecessoribus meis, xl· ti. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum, do et lego Roberto de Teye,[5] Armigero, in Comitatu Essexie, Iohanni Basset[6] de ChishuH, Iohanni Whetley, ciui ciuitatis Londonie, et Philippo Dene. Huius autem testamenti mei, Robertum de Teye, Armigerum, Iohannem Basset predictum, Iohannem Whetley, ciuem ciuitatis Londonie, & Philippum Dene, ordino, facio et constituo Executores meos. In cuius rei testimonium, sigillum meum presentibus apposui. Datum Londonie, die & Anno supradictis.

Codicillus eiusdem Willelmi. [*In margin.*]

[*Will of his Real Estate.*]

THis is the last wiH of me William Hanyngfeld Esquier, of aH my londes and rentes withynne [7]þe shire of Esex' and Suffolk, I made þe iiij. day of Septembre, the ȝere of oure lord M[l] CCCC xxvj. First, I woH þat þe Maner of Chardacre and Valans yn the shire of Suffolk

[1]—[1] interlined by another hand.

[2] Bicknacre Priory, adjoining East Hanningfield.—J. H. R. *Bikinacre* or *Bitacre* in the hund. of Chelmesford, co. of Essex.—*Carlisle.* [3] MS. ncce.

[4] *Lawshall*, in the hund. of Baberg, co. of Suffolk . . . 7 miles S. by E. of St. Edmund's Bury.—*Carlisle.* [7] the þ is that of the MS. all thru.

[5] Robert de Tey of Mark's Tey in the Lexden Hundred, Essex: d. 1426-7.

[6] John Basset of Basset's Hall, in Great Chishall, Essex.—J. H. R.

þat þay be sold by myn Executours to as hie prys as hit may, withoute fraude or male engyne, and þe money therof resceyued, be dispended for my soule, after þe discrecioun of myn Executours. More-ouer I woll þat þe maner icalled Bonylys maner, Frankelenesmonday lond and Smythislond, be sold by þe same Executours, and with þe money þer-of resceuyed, and more, 3ef nede be, be founde ij. prestes. singyng continuellich during þe terme of xl. winter in þe Priory of Bykenacre, in þe Chapell of seint Nicholace, for þe soules of me, þe forsaid William, Agnes, Iohan, Cisily myn wyfes, William, Nicholas, Martyn, Alienore, Elisabeth, Roger and Margery, and for all þe soules þat I am bounde to do for, after þe discrecioun of myn Executours. Also I woll þat þe maner icalled Piriesmaner[1] be sold as hastly as hit may, and þe money therof resceyued, be dispended in dedes of almes by þe discrecion of myn Executours. And as touching þe maner and lond I-called Aiottes, Bartlottes, Pathislond, Gardyns, and Estlond,[2] in Bradwell[3], I woll þat þay be sold by my Executours; and with þe money ther-of resceyued, that ther be I-founde iiij. pore men lepres, during þe terme of x 3ere, and þat euery of ham haue 3erly iiij marc during þe same terme. Also I woll þat myn obite be kept 3erly atte Bikenacre, Bradwell, and Canwedon,[4] and þat þay haue to þe werkes of Canwedon chirch, x markes. Also I woll þat among þe powremen of Richefordhundred,[5] Dunchehundred,[6] and Chelmysford hundred, be deled by myn Executours breed and herynge to þe valu of xx marces during þe terme of x 3ere. Also I woll þat on Laffarebrugge[7] be spendid, to make hit all of stone, vj[C] markes, in esement of þe comyns, if hit so be þat no man be bounde by his lond to make hit. Also I woll þat my reuercion of Tootham[8] I-called Skottes and Westnewlond, and þe rente of Alflednasse be sold by myn Executours, and þe money be dispendid to parfourme my will. And also I woll þat all maner howshold be kept, and let þe children haue hit, or þe prys. And þat þe forset[9] that Thomas

[1] Perie in Tillingham, which he held of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's.
[2] ? East Hall Manor. [4] Canewdon near Rochford.—J. H. Round.
[3] *Bradwell juxta mare*, on the Blackwater, and in Dengey Hundred.
[5] Rochford Hundred. [6] Dengey Hundred.—J. H. Round.
[7] A bridge of one of the three Lavers in Essex, between Harlow and Ongar.
[8] Totham, adjoining Langford; or, possibly, Scottys in Canewdon, which he held of John Tyrell, Esq.—J. H. Round. [9] A casket, little chest or coffer.

Essex*ie*[1] wot where is, be delyu*ered* to myn Executours forto dispende þe goud*es* þat is ther-yn, for my soule, and þat þe same Thomas Essex*ie*[1] haue v marc*es* in honde, and also xx s'· t*er*me of his lyf. And þat myn Executours pay for þe costes of his qwyt*a*unce of his enditement. And also I woll̄ þat on þe brigg*e* betwixt Esteford[2] [3]and Chelmysford, ȝef nede be, be spended V^{C} marc*es*, if hit so be þat no man be bounde by his londe to make hit. Also I woll̄ þat I haue a tumbe like sire Thomas More, and ther-vpon, a brode ston *with* iiij pilers, and þe brode ston*e* grauyn with Latoñ, of Cisifly[4] and vij children, þat is to sey, a soñ and vj doughtren, Iohan and iij children, Agnes and ij children, p*ris* of .L. marc*es*. Also I woll̄ þat eu*ery* preest being atte my dirige, haue vj d, and eu*ery* Clerk iiij d, and þat eu*ery* pore man haue ij d, and if gret nede be, iiij d. And also I woll̄ þat ther be delyu*ered* ther' to þe pore peple of my ten*aunttes* xx s'. Also I woll̄ þat Iohñ Borh*am* ou*er*se these ij preestes and þe pore men, and haue for his labour' xl· s'. Also I woll̄ þat Rolf Baynard and Darsy, if þay be witholde truly with̄ ȝow, þat eu*ery* haue xl· s'. Also I woll̄ þat Robert of Teye, myn Executour, haue for his labour, xxx ℔; Iohn Basset of Chishull̄, xx ℔; Iohñ Whetley, xx ℔; Phelipp*e* Dene, for he is pore, xx ℔; And also to Will*iam* Babyngtoñ, forto be good helper' and counceillour' to myn Executours in all̄ matiers of lawe touching hem and þe execucion of my testament and last will̄, xx marc*es*. Also I woll̄ þat sire Iohñ, my preest, haue xx s', and a gowne of my weryng'. Also I woll̄ þat Will̄ my man haue xx s'. And I woll̄ and pray ȝow þat Phelipp*e* be kept on s*er*uice stille, and haue as goud wages as he hadde of me be-forne during þe terme of ij. ȝer*e*. Also I woll̄ þat my *seruaunttes* be rewarded after ȝoure discrecio*un*. Also I pr*aye* my feffours þat þay wolde enfeffe Philipp*e* Dene on ·vj· marc*es* of rente during þe t*er*me of his lif', where þat he woll̄ chese of all̄ my lond*es* best reysid. And also I praye, and in goddisbyhalf require, þat alle þe feffes þat ben enfeffyd in my londes, þat in what tyme þat þay ben duly required by myn Executours to make a-state to any p*er*son, þat þay p*er*fourme

[1] A line of contraction is over the 'x', whether to mark a Latin genitive or not (Thomas *of* Essex), I can't say.

[2] ? Easterford (now Kelvedon).—J. H. R.

[3] leaf 145 back.

[4] Cicely his wife: see abuv, p. 70, l. 7.

hit in discharge of my soule, as þey woll̄ onswere a-fore god. Also I pray my feffours þat þay wold suffer myn Executours to selle Stanlehalle, and to enfeffe what man þat euer myn Executours require hem to. Also ·I· woll̄ þat my Maners of Welsham and Brethenham[1] be sold̄ by myn Executours, and þe money þerof be disposed̄ by myn Executours. Also I woll̄ þat my Childrēn haue C li, and þat þey, and þer goudes þat longeth̄ to ham, be gouerned atte all̄ tymes by þe discrecion of myn Executours. And þat all̄ þe reuenuys and profitys comyng̈ of my londes þat ben not assigned̄ by my last will̄ and testament for to be sold̄ ouer þe sustenaunce of þe seid̄ childrun, be disposid̄ and dispendid̄ for my soule by þe discrecion of myn Executours.

Probatum fuit presens testamentum, cum codicillo, coram Magistro Iohanne Lyndefeld̄, Commissario &c, xxij die mensis Septembris. Anno domini supradicto; et commissa est administracio bonorum &c Philippo Dene, Executori &c, Reseruata potestate &c. Et postea exhibito Inventario bonorum &c, dictus executor acquietatus est. ac die martis, videlicet xiiij^to^ die mensis Maij, Anno domini M°cccc xxx vij^to^ Iohannes Basset, executor &c, coram Magistro Iohanne Lyndefeld̄ Commissario &c personaliter comparens, & iuratus ad sancta dei euaungelia, administracionem bonorum dicti defuncti, recepit in forma iuris &c.

[1] Brettenham, Suffolk, N.W. of Bilston.

JOHN CREDY, ESQ., OF LONDON, DEVONSHIRE, ETC., 1426.

[To be buried in London. Bakehouse in Wood St., and land in Surrey, to Wife for life; Half the Cock and Garland in Coleman St. to brother Richard for life; remainders to R. Burdon. A Middlesex house to keep a priest at Weston to pray for Testator, &c. A Devonshire place, at Lee, to brother John for life, then to nephew William, &c. Spensers place, Devonshire, to nephew Thomas for life, and then to nephew William. Other Devonshire and Somerset property to R. Burdon and wife for their lives, and their son John in tail male. Surrey land to nephew William for life, and then to be sold for Testator's soul. Everchurch[1] land, in Somerset, to nephew John for life, and then for Testator's soul. To Alison Burdon 40 marks as a portion. Priest to pray in Newton for 10 years. A perpetual Chantry in St. Alphage, to be founded out of the Cock in Grub St. Priest of the Charnell to have 2 marks out of the Cow-Head in Chepe. The City Chamberlain and Town-Clerk (Jn. Carpenter) to see to this. Gifts of Mass-Book, Chalice, Cruets, Money, Armour, Beds, Sheets, Pots, Pans, Basins, Cups, a Gold Chain, &c. Wife to have half household goods. Residue of personalty to Brothers, Sisters, and next of kin.]

(Luffenam, lf. 46 back.)

Test*amentum* Iohannis Credy. [*In margin.*]

In the[2] name of god, so be hit, the iiij day of Iuyñ, the ȝere of oure lord M'cccc' xxvj, I· Iohñ Credy, squyer, being in my good mynde, make my testament in the man*er* suyng. ffirst I bequethe my soule to god almyghty, my maker, to þe blisful Mary, moder of ihesu, and to alle þe company of heuen; my body to be beried in þe chirchñ of seynt Iohñ ȝacarie[3], where my children be beried. Also I bequethñ my wyfe my londes and ten*ement*ȝ the whichñ I haue in Eldmede in þe shire of Surre, and my bachous in Wodestrete in London, the *ter*me of her' life; And after þe decesse of hire, þat hit

[1] *Ever Church*, or *Everach*, Somerset, W. of Bruton.—Walker. [2] ? MS. ther

[3] Aldersgate Ward. 'Then is *Engaine Lane*, or *Maiden* lane, and at the North-west corner thereof, the Parish Church of Saint *Iohn Zacharie*, a faire *Church*' . . .—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 321, col. 2. This Church was burnt in the Great Fire of 1666, and not rebuilt.

turne to Richard Burdon, skynner, of Londen. Also I will þat Richard, my brother, haue half þe Cok and þe garlond in Colmanstrete, þe terme of his life, and þe Reuersion to Richard Burdon, skynner, the terme of his life; and after þat, be sold and do for my soule. Also .I. wille þat my wife haue my place called Childerhous in Middelsex' þe terme of here life, to susteyne a preest in the Chapell of Weston; And after þe decesse of here, to Richard Quatremayns, and to his heires and assignes, in þe same kynde that sheo hath hit. And ȝef þe preest be not susteyned to pray for me, my wyfe, and alle my freendes, þat hit be sold and do for alle oure soules. Also I will þat Iohn my brother haue my place atte Lee in Deuenshire[1] þe terme of his life; and after þe decesse of him, þat Iohn my godson, his sone, haue þe same place þe terme of his life; and after þe decesse of him, þat William, Adam, my brother sone, haue þe same lond, to him and to his heires males of his body laufully begeton for[2] euermore. And ȝef the same William dye withoute issue male of his body laufully begoton, þat hit be sold and disposed for my soule and all christian soules. Also Spensers place atte Newton in Deuenshire, I will þat Thomas, Adam Credy son, þat dwelleth with me, haue hit þe terme of his life; And after the decesse of him, þat William his brother haue hit for euer. Also I will þat Richard Burdon and Denys his wife haue my part of þe Maner Enwarle in Deuen[3] with þe voursone of þe chirche, And also my part of þe maner of Thornecoffyn in Somerset, with þe voursone of þe church, And also my part of þe maner of Morston in Deuenshire, the terme of both here lifes; And after the decesse of hem, þat hit turne to Iohn here sone, and to his heires males. And if it so bee þat he die withoute issue male, I will þat Richard his brother haue hit in fee euer more. Also I will þat William my neuew, William my brother son, haue all þe lond which þat Weston, Draper, and I purchased in Frankyngham and other places in Surre, terme of his life; and after his decesse, þat hit be solde and disposed for my soule and alle cristen soules. And also I will þat Iohn my neuew, Iohn

[1] There are 4 Leighs,—East, West, North, South,—near Colyton in Devonshire.

[2] ? MS. far. [3] 'shire' follows, underdotted for omission.

my brother soñ, haue, whenne it falleth̄, my p*ar*te of place in Euerchurch̄ in Som*erset*, to him and to his heires for euermore. Also I wiH þat my part of þe man*er* of Stauntoñ in Som*erset*, and also alle my londes and [1]ten*ement*ȝ which I haue in Exettur in Deuenshire, þat þey been solde by myn Executours. And also I· woH þat Alisoñ Burdoñ haue xl· marc' to her' mariage. Also I wiH þat a preest be founde in Newtoñ, x ȝere, to pray for my fader and my moder, me, my wyfe, Richard Forst*er*, aH my kyn & aH my gode freendis which̄ I am bounde to, and for aH *christ*ieñ soules. And þer I woH þat *þer* be sette C· marc' to pay his wagis. And also .I. woH þat þere be founde a p*er*petueH chaunt*er*ie of þe ten*ement* cleped þe Cok in Grubstrete, with̄ cotages annexid þerto, and oþir his appurtin*aun*ee, to finde a p*er*petuel preest to singe for my soule, my fader soule, my moder soule, and for all *christ*ieñ soules, in þe chirch̄ of seint Alpheies[2], atte Aut*er* of our' lady seint Marie. Also I woH þat sir Iohñ, preest of þe charneH, haue ij marc' out of my p*ar*t of þe rente called þe cowe heed in Chepe[3] ȝerly, & alle his successours, p*r*estes of þe same charneH, þat come aftir him, to p*ray* for me Iohn Credy, my wife, my fader, my moder, Rich*ard* Forster, and for alle *christ*ien soules. Also I woH þat Iohn Biderenden, þe Cham*ber*leyn þat now is, and Iohn Carpynt*er*, comoñ clerk',[4] and her either successours, haue ȝerly comyng oute of þe same rente, eche of hem, vj. s'. viij d,

[1] leaf 47.

[2] *St. Alphage Church* is situate at the N.W. angle of Aldermanbury, one door opening to London Wall . . and the S. door opens into the garden of *Sion* College . . The Church upon its 1st building was dedicated to St. *Alphage*, who was Archbishop of Canterbury . . was stoned to death by the Danes at Greenwich in the year 1012 . . He is in old Authors called *Alfege* and *Alphy*.—Hatton, *New View of London*, 1708, i. 113, 114. The Charnel is St. Al.'s dead-house.

[3] ? A shop with the sign of a Cow's Head.

[4] This was the famous John Carpenter, the learned town-clerk of the City of London (elected April 20, 1417), the compiler of the *Liber Albus*, &c. On a bequest of his, the City of London school was afterwards founded. See Thos. Brewer's *Life and Times of Carpenter*, 1856.—T. Cooper, *Biogr. Dict.* "It may interest your readers to know that the new City schools [on the Thames Embankment] have not been built through the liberality of the Corporation, but out of part of the John Carpenter Estates Trust money. The income arises from 119 houses—five in the city, and the rest in the Tottenham-court-road, the average rental of which cannot be less than £100 per annum each—say £11,000 a year—so that the Corporation for hundreds of years have been receiving a great deal more than they have spent in educating the sons of poor freemen."—1882, *Daily News*, Oct. 19, p. 2, col. 7.

to se þat þis prest, and his successours of þe same charneH, do diligently her deuer, as hem oweth to do. Also I woH þat þe chirch of Newton haue my masseboke, my portus,[1] my chaleys, my vestments, and my cruettis,[2] þat I haue her-Inne. Also I woH þat Alison my doghter, of HalyweH[3], [haue] x. marc and þe hous, perpetuelly to prey for me, [&] my gret bolle of seluer. Also I bequeth to þe stepul werk of seint Alpheies by Crepulgate, x mark; to þe persone, xx s'; to ech of þe prestes, xl. d; to þe clerk, xl d, to pray for me / Of aH my meuable godes which I haue, except my cloþing & harneys, I wol þat my wife haue half. Also ·I· woH þat William my Neuew haue x marc, and Aueys my nece, othir x marc to her mariage. Also I woH þat Ionet my Cosin haue xl s'. Also þat Richard Burdon, Skynner, haue x mark, a habergeon, a swerd harnesed, a wodeknyf[4] harnesed, and a Dagger. Also I woH þat Alison Burdon his sister, haue a blewe bedde of Tapecery, a peir blankettis, ij peir shetys, & a selour[5] with curteyns of carde. Also I woH þat Richard Burdon, skynner, haue a white bedde with roses, I peir of shetis·/ Also þat eche of hem haue a pot and a panne, a basin and[6] an ewer, and ech of hem half a dosen of peutre vesseH, and either of hem a coupe couered with seluer. Also I woH þat Richard Quatremains haue my cheyne of gold, & my lesse swerd harneised. And þe Residue of aH my other godis and cateH, after my dettes paid, I wol þat it be disposid be my executours a-boute my brethren and my sustren and next of my kyn. And I make myn executours, William Frye of Deuenshire, my wife, Iohn Carpinter, comoun clerk, & Iohn Spore, ferroure; And I woH þat ech of hem haue C s'. for her trauaiH. In witnes of which þing, to þis my present testament I haue sette my seel. Yeuen atte Londen þe day and þere a-boue seid.//

Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram Magistro I. Lyndefeld,

[1] A portable Breviary.

[2] Jugs or vessels to hold the wine and the water separately before they were consecrated. The Chalice held them when mixt for consecration, and consecrated.

[3] The priory of St. John the Baptist, in Bishopsgate, outside the City walls, surrenderd to Henry VIII in 1539. See Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 470, col. 1. In or near the grounds of this, Jas. Burbage's *Theatre* stood, where Shakspere probably first acted and wrote.

[4] ? MS. wadeknyf. [5] canopy: see p. 36, note 3. [6] MS. and &.

Commissario &c, viij die mensis Iunij, Anno domini supradicto; et commissa est administracio bonorum &c Iohanne, Relicte dicti defuncti, & Iohanni Spore, executoribus & c, Reseruata potestate &c: & xxiiij^to mensis Iulij, acquietati fuerunt executores &c c.

JOHN TOKER, OF LONDON, VINTNER, 1428.

[To be buried in St. Mildred's, Bread St. Gifts to that Church, its Priest, Clerk, &c.; to Poor, to Prisoners in London and Westminster, to the Poor in Spitals, and the 4 Orders of Friars. To Apprentice H. Thomason, money, the rest of his apprenticeship, term in *The Mermaid*, Bread St. [after, SHAKSPERE'S Tavern], Wine, Silver Cups, Pewter Pots, Napery, and kitchen utensils, and the service of his fellow-apprentice, who is given 40*s*. Clothing to be sold, and money divided among bedrid folk, &c. Gifts for poor Maiden's Marriages, for Executors, for a Priest to sing 3 years for Testator's soul; to which his Residue is bequeathd.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, leaf 202 bk.)

[*In margin.*] M. Bred'. [St. Mildred's, Bread Street.] *Testamentum* Iohannis Toker'. Ciuis & Vinetarii Londonie.

In the name of god, Amen. I, Iohn Toker, Citezein and Vineter of Londoñ, hool of mynde and of body, And in my good memorie being, the sixte day of the moneth of August, the ȝere of oure lord' god A M^l CCCC And xxviij, And the ȝere of the regne of Kyng Henri the Sixthe, aftur the conquest the sixte, I make and ordeigne my present testament in this maner and fourme. First I be-quethe my soule to almyghti god my creatour and maker, And to his blessed modur oure lady saynte Marie, and to all the holy companye of heuene, and my body to be buried in the chirche of Seynt Mildredis, in Brede Stret in Londoñ. Also I be-quethe to the hygh auter of the same Chirche for my tythes and offrynges forgȝeten and withdrauien, xl s'. Also I be-quethe to euery prest of the forseid Chirch, forto praie for my sowle, vj s' viij d'. Also I be-quethe to the Clerk of the same Chirche, iij s' iiij d'. Also I be-quethe to the werkis and profitis of the seied chirche, xiij s'

iiij d. Also I be-quethe to be distribued among poure folk duellyng *in* the forseid parisch of Seynt Mildred, forto *pray* for my sowle, xl s'. Also I be-quethe to be distribued a-mong *prisoners in* the *prisons* of Ludgate, Marchalsie, Kyngesbenche, And the Co*un*tours *in* Londoñ, that is to seie, *in* eu*ery* of the seid *prison*[s], the *prisoners* to *praie* for my soule, xx. s'; And a-mong the *prisoners in* the Flete, and the Clerkes co*n*uict at Westm*inster*, that is to seie, in eu*ery* of tho two *prisons*, to *pray* for my soule, x s'[1]. Also I be-quethe to be distribued a-mong pore folk lying sike *in* the Spitell of oure lady[2] with-oute Bisshopes-gate, Oure lady of Bedlem, Oure lady of Elsingspitel,[3] of seynt Bathilmewys *in* Smythfeeld, And seint Tho*mas* *in* Sowthwerk, in eu*ery* spitel to *pray* for my sowle, vj s' viij d. Also I be-quethe to the fowre ordres of the freres *in* Londoñ, that is to seie, to eu*ery* hous of the seide ordurs of freres forto *pray* for my soule, xx. s'./ Also I be-quethe Tho Henry Tho*m*missone, myn apprentice, vj li, xiij s', iiij d, And also I forgeff and relece to the seid Henry alle his *ter*mes to me comyng of his apprentisehod. Also I will that the same Henry haue alle the *ter*mes and possessioñ that is comyng to me of my mancion that is cleped the Mermaid *in* Bredstreet, beryng the charges and the rent*es* ther-of duryng the seide *ter*mys. Also I wil that the same Henry haue in possessioñ to his *profite* and easment duryng an hool 3ere next aftur myn obit day, Alle the encrece that is comyng of my wyne a-boue the stok, And more ouer all my peces and kuppes of siluer, peuder pott*es*, Naapri, and all the vtensilment*es* longyng to my kechyn, as for that forsaid 3er enduryng. Also I wil that this reward be truly dooñ and treuly fulfeld to the same Henry vp-on this, that he gou*erne* hym goodly and onestly as he oweth forto do, aftur the rewle and discrecio*un* of myne executours. Also I wil that the same Henri haue all the *ter*mes comyng to me of

[1] In margin is 'h*abe*nt A*cquietanciam*,' that is, the Executors hav paid the Court dues on the Will.

[2] 'Saint *Marie* Spittle': Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 175-6. It had 'at the surrender thereof [to Henry VIII] ninescore beds, well furnished for receipt of poore people.'—p. 86 *b*. Stow notes 'the Charnell and Chappell of Saint *Edmond* the Bishop, and *Mary Magdalen*,' p. 176, col. 1. Cp. 'Charnel' abuv, p. 75, l. 16.

[3] In Cripplegate: see Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 86 *b*, 304 *a*.

Henry Cloptoñ, myn other apprentice. And also I be-quethe to that same Henry Cloptoñ 'xl s'. Also I wil that myn aray and clothyng to my body longyng, a-non aftur my deces be sold, And the monei ther-of comyng & taken, I wil that hit be deuided and parted among pouere folk lieng bedred, and in other werkes of charite most plesyng to god and to the helthe of my soule. Also I ȝiue and bequethe to the mariage of onest and poure maidens, to be distribued a-mong hem aftur the wil and discrecion of myn executours, xiij li vj s'. viij d. Also I bequethe to euerichñ of myn executours takyng charge to compleet and to do execucioñ of this my present testament, v. li. Also I wil that a discreet and an abul preest be choson aftur the good discrecioñ of myne execucutours [*so*] to syng and rede for my sowle and aH criston soules in the forseid chirchñ of seynt Mildredis duryng the termys of thre ȝer next suwyng aftur my deces. And I be-quethe to the sustentacion of that seide preest for the forseid terme of thre ȝer, xx. li. The residue of aH my godes and catalles and dettours, what so-euer they be aftur my dettes paide and my present testament fulfillid, I be-quethe to be distribued and departed for my sowle, and for the soules of aH tho that I am boond to praye for, And for the soules of aH trewe criston pepul, like as myn executours seme best, to plese god, and profit to the helthe of my soule. And of this my present testament, I make and ordeigne myn executours, that is to seie, Richard Banaster And Edmond Scheffild, Citezins and vineters of the forsaid cite, aH and euerichñ aboue expressid, iustly to complete, and treuly to spede. In witnesse of the whiche thyng, on this my present testament I haue put my seal. Date at Londoñ the day and the yer aforesaid.

Probatum fuit hoc *presens testamentum* coram nobis Willelmo Stonham & c, Commissario Reuerendi in *christo* patris & domini domini Willelmi, dei gratia Londonie Episcopi & c, generali, iij° nonarum Septembris Anno domini M° cccc° xxviij°. Approbatum, insinuatum, ac pro eodem per nos legitime pronunciatum; & Comissa est Administracio omnium bonorum dictum [*so*] defuncti & c Executoribus interius nominatis, et Admissa per &c c.

ROBERT SCHAPMAN, OF HARINGAY, MIDDLESEX, 1428.

[Moveables to Wife. Gifts to Haringay Church, and Trinity Chapel there; to God-children, High-ways, Daughter, and Priest to sing for Testator's soul.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, lf. 203 B.)

[H]aringey.[1] *Testamentum* Roberti Schapman. [*In margin.*]

In dei nomine Amen. I Robert Schapman, in Rithe mynde, make my testement in this forme. I be-quethe my sowle to god, to yowre [*so*] lady Lady, and to Alle þe holy compani of heuen; my bodi to be berijt in the chirchau[2] of houre La[dy] of Harryngey. Also I be-quethe to my wyfe alle þ^e^ goodis þat be meuablis, and sche to be my prinsepall seccutur, *with* Gefori London and Thomas Howe, þey to dispose þe goodis for me like as my [*for* 'they'] wole anscwere to-fore gode atte þ^e^ day of gogement[3]: furst to þe hihe auter, xij d; to þe secutours of Robert Childe, v s'; to heuery of my gode childrin xij d[4]; and to a prest for to singe for me and all cristin soulis, competent saleri for an hole here [= yere][5]; to heu[*er*]i of my secutoris, v s'.; to hie weyis, vj s' viij d; to the keuering of the trinite schapell of Haringey, vj s' viij d; to my dowter, xl. s'. In cuius rei testimonium, sigillum apposui. Datum in Haringey, Anno domini Millesimo quadringentesimo octauo, primo die mensis Nouembris. vj^to^ Iduum Nouembris probatum fuit; & com[*missa*] Executoribus Anno domini M^l^ cccc^o^ xxviij.

[1] Hornsey, Middlesex, N. of London. There's a Haringay Park there now. (The leaf is not numberd in due order in the MS.)

[2] Churchyard. [3] Judgment.

[4] In margin (as to the Executors), '*habent Acquietanciam.*'

[5] Cp. youre *for* houre, our (Lady) above.

RICHARD WHYTEMAN, OF LONDON, WAXCHANDLER, 1428.

[Gifts to his Parish Church, and for the doing of his Devotions there (burning Tapers). Two pairs of Candlesticks, the right to buy the best gilt Candlestick, and the Moulds and Trade tools, given to S. Whitehed. Bequests to Cousin, and Katherine Whyteman. 6 Torches to be burnt on Testator's Death-day, or Mind-day. A yearly Mind-day to be held for 7 years after his death. Residue to his Wife.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, leaf 209.)

M. Ripam.[1] *Testamentum Ricardi* Whitemañ. [*In margin.*]

In y^e^ name of good' Amen, the xxij day of Ianu*ary*, In the yere of our' lord' *Anno domini* M^l^ CCCC^mo^ xxviij^uo^, I Richard' Whyteman, Citezein and' wexchaundeler' of Londoñ, In my good' mynde beyng', y make my testament in this wyse: First y be-quethe my soule to aℍmyhty god my creatour, our' Blessid' virgine Marie, and to alle the Seintes, and' my Body to be beried' wher' god' woℍ yn my parisshe chirche. Also y be-quethe to þe hye Auter for my Offryng', yef eny be for-yeten, vj s' viij d'. Also y be-quethe to the wherk of the Iℍ of the toon' side of the Cloistere in the Chirchehawe whan þe parisshens be-gynnen to Edifie hit, vj s' viij d'. Also y woℍ that myne Executours hold' & parfourme forth̄ my deuouaciouns forth̄ as I was wonte, that ys to seyn, on mydsomer eve to-fore seint Ioh̄n Baptiste in my parisshe chirche, ordeyne a tapre of half A pound', & þat it brenne as longe as hit woff [*for* woℍ] dure, and þus euery yer aftir my decesse; Also to-fore seint Ioh̄n Ewangelist in the seyd' chirche, thei ordeyne euery yere iij tapres of a pound', to brenne frome ye Even forth̄ as longe as they woℍ dure, and' thus euery yer' after my decesse; Also to-fore oure ladi in Senct Marie Chapeℍ in the seid' chirche, þei ordeyne I Tapre of a pounde, to brenne euery even of oure lady, and' þ^e^ day as atte salue, & euery principaℍ day, as longe As hit woℍ dure; and þus for to be doñ from yere to yere.

[1] St. Michael, in the ward of Queenhithe. Church in Thames St.

Also y bequethe and yeve to Symkyn Whitehed', my Russet Candelstykes, and I paire Candelstekes secundaries next þoo. Also y be-quethe to Iohn Hewet, Ioynour, my cosyn, so þat he take þe Charge of this testament, vj s'. viij d'. Also y Bequethe to Katerine Whyteman, to her' mariage, x marc', the whiche Katerine, whith the mony, be in the kepynge and Gouernance of myne Executours after whriten, to tyme sche come to ful age, And y-maried'. And' yif sche dye with-Inne age, y woll' þat þe .x. marc' be put to a prest to synge in þe seid' Chirche by a yere for me & All' Cristen soulis. Also After my decesse I woll' þat my best candelsteke y-gylt with þe cros, be sold' yn þe best manere þat my executours konne or may, saf y woll' that Symken a-forseid', And he woll', haue hem A-fore eny othir man, he [*for* be] .xl s'. better chepe þanne eny other man woll' yeve þere-fore, be [*for* he] to have ther-of resonable daies of paiement; and with the whiche mony I woll' þat myne Executours parfourme this my testament. Also y woll' that myn Executours ordeyne, the day of my dyyng' or of my mynde, vj torches brenyng'; & after all' the service ys done, I woll' be-quethe I torche ecclesie me[e] parochiali; I, ecclesie de Wondesworth';[1] I. to seint mildred' chirche;[2] I, to seint Nicholas Oloff;[3] I, to Garlekhithe Chirche;[4] I, to Trinite chirche.[5] Also .y. bequethe to Simkin aforseid' all' my mooldes & instrumentis to my craft longyng', after my decesse and' my wiues. Also y wolle þat myne executours, vij yere after my decesse, holdyn twelf monthes mynde. the residue of all' my goodes mevable, (after þat my will', my be-questes of this testement be parfourmed', and my dettes principali de [*for* be] paid',) y. yeve & be-quethe to Alice Whitman my wif, where-so-euer þat þei ben. to þis my testament y make myne Executours, þe seid' Alice principale, Iohn Hewet, and Symken

[1] Wandsworth, Surrey, near London.

[2] Bread Street, in the city: see John Toker's Will, 1428, p. 77 abuv.

[3] St. Nicholas Olave, on the West side of the street cald Bread St. Hill, runing down to the Thames, where our worthy friends and printers, Clay and Taylor, hav their London hous of business. See Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 399 *a*.

[4] In the Vintry Ward: "the Parish Church of Saint *Iames*, called at *Garlicke Hith*, or *Garlicke hive*, for that (of old time) on the River of *Thames*, neere to this Church, Garlicke was usually sold."—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 262 *b*.

[5] In Knight-Riders Street, Queen-Hithe Ward, near Thames St.—Stow (1633), p. 297.

aforseidꝫ, executours with herꝰ; and sirꝰ William Wright perosone of my parische chirche, ouerseer of þis my testament; to þe wheche sirꝰ William, y yeve for his travaiH, to do þis travaile, xl ɗ. In witnesse of whiche thyngꝭ, to this present I haue put to my seaH in þe day and yer aforseidꝫ.

Probatum fuit hoc presens testamentum coram nobis Willelmo Stonham & cꝯ, xº kalendarum Marcij, Anno domini supradicto & cꝯ. Commissa que est administracio &c cꝯ Executoribus & cꝯ.

WALTER NEWENT, ? of St. Pancras, LONDON, 1428.

[To be buried where he dies. All goods to go to his Wife.]

(Luffenam, lf. 78 bk.)

Testamentum Walteri Newent. [*In margin.*]

In dei nomine amen. This þe testament of Walter Newent, y-writen in londen þe xxviij day of Iune þe ȝere of oure lordꝫ M'cccc xxviij. First, I beqwethe my soule to almyghty god, and to oure lady, and to aH þe holy company of heueñ, and my body to be beryed in what churchȝardꝫ ther as I dye in þe parissh̄. Item I beqwethe aH maner of godis to my wyf Alsoñ Newent, and she forto do me like as she wolde I dede for herꝰ in þe same cas. witnes of þis simple testament, Ionet Argustoñ, Master Richard Granger parsoñ of seint Pancras, William Boteleꝛ, W. Croddish̄, Porter, and Alsoñ Walsyngham; [1]and þerto I point my signet and my syne manueH / Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne Lyndefeldꝫ, Commissario &cꝯ, xvj die mensis Decembris, Anno domini supradicto, et commissa est administracio bonorum &cꝯ Alicie, Relicte dicti defuncti, & Executrici &cꝯ, Reseruata potestate &cꝯ.

leaf 79.

HARY VAN SANDWYK, OF ST. CLEMENTS, LONDON, 1430.

[Gifts to St. Clement's Church. Goods, &c. to Jn. Roode, and Troyde his wife.]

(More, 3 Comʸ. Crt of London, lf. 258, bk.)

Clementis.[1] *Testamentum* Henrici Van Sandwyk.

In þe name of god, Amēn. The xxij day of Nouember, þe ȝer of oure lorde M CCCC and xxx, I Hary Vañ Sandwyk, make and ordeyne my testament in þys maner, beynge in fol discrecion And hool mynde: Ferst .I. be-queþe my soule to Almyghti god, þe blessyd virgine Marie, And to alle the Seintis, My body to [be] beried in þe chirche ȝerd of Sent Clementis. Also I be-queþe to heigh̄ Auter of þe seid̄ cherche, for tiþingys and offeringes fōrȝete, xx d̄. Also y be-queþe to þe body of þe same cherche iij s' iiij d̄. Also .I. be-queþe Ioh̄n Roode and Troyde hys wyf, Alle myne houshold̄, and in mony vj s. viij d̄. And to þys testament I make And ordeyne myne executour, þe for-seid̄ Ioh̄n Roode.

Probatum fuit *presens* test*amentum* Coram nob*is*, Stephano Germēn, C*o*mmissar*io* gen*erali*, & c', iij kal*endarum* Decembr*is*, Anno D*omi*ni sup*radicto*. C*o*mmissa execut*ori* in dict*o* n*ominato* & c— comp*aruit*.

[1] St. Clements, "East Cheap, Clement's-lane, Lombard-street. A church in Candlewick-ward, destroyed in the great fire, and rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren as we now see it. Bishop Pearson (d. 1686) was rector, and in the old church (described by Stow as 'small' and 'void of monuments') preached those sermons upon the Creed which led to his well-known Exposition—a standard book in English divinity, dedicated by its author 'to the right worshipful and well-beloved, the parishioners of St. Clement's, Eastcheap.'"—1850. Cunningham's *Hand-book of London.*

ALYS CHIRCHE, WIDOW, OF ST. MARY HILL, LONDON, 1430.

[To be buried at Twickenham. Gifts to lights in Twickenham Church, to Twick, and Kingston Bridges, Wyke Causeway, and Harlington Church. 6*d.* each to two Folk. Household necessaries to R. Soler. Residue for Husband's soul, and Testatrix's.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, leaf 262.)

Test*amentum* Alic*ie* Chirch̄, de p*aro*ch*ia* be*ate* Marie Atte Hille[1].
[between Billingsgate & East Cheap, London.]

In the name of̄ oure lord̄ god, Amen. I, Alys Chirche, beyng in fuH mende, be-queth̄ my sowle to Almyghty god, to oure lady seint Marie, and to aH the Blyssid co*m*pany of̄ hevyn), And my body to be byried in the Chirch̄ yerd̄ of̄ Twykenh*am*.[2] Al-so y be-queth̄ to the hie Auto*ur*, xij d̄; Al-so to our̄ lady lyght̄, vj d̄; I*tem* to the rede[3] lyght̄, vj d̄; I*tem* to seint Mergret lyght̄, iiij d̄; I*tem* to seint Colas lyght̄, iiij d̄; I*tem* to Twykenh*am* brygge[4] iiij d̄; I*tem* to Kyngston) brigge[5] vj d̄; I*tem* to the causy atte Wyke,[6] iiij d̄; I*tem* to the Chirche of̄ Herdyngton),[7] ij BuscheH barly; I*tem* to Wat*er* Rykard̄ I b̄ [= bushell] Barly; I*tem* to Ionet Carter, vj d̄; I*tem* to Thom*as*, Myne se*r*uant, vj d̄; I*tem* to Richard̄ Soler̄ alle necessarijs longynge to housold̄ of̄ dede store, saue a grete brasse potte. And

[1] In this St. Mary Hill Lane ('commonly called *Rood* lane') is the faire Parish Church of *S. Mary*, called *on the Hill*, because of the ascent from Belinsgate.—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 227 *a*.

[2] In Middlesex, 10 miles from London, on the S. Western Rail, and the bank of the Thames. The earlier spellings of the name are *Twittenham* (791, 948 A.D.) and *Twitham* (840).—Thorne, *Environs of London*.

[3] ? Rode, Cross.

[4] Probably the bridge over the Colne, near the present railway station.

[5] Over the Thames, at Kingston, Surrey.

[6] An outlying part of Twickenham (?). Most country villages have their 'wick.' We had one at my native Egham.

[7] Harlington, Middlesex, now a quiet rural village at the N.W. end of Hounslow Heath. In Domesday Book it was '*Herdintone*,' and was cald Hardington till near the end of the 16th century.—Thorne, *Environs of London*.

Alle the Residue of my godys nouȝt byqwothin, I yeue and ordeigne to Richard Soler and Roger Yelot, myne executours, that they dispose it for my hosbondys sovle and myn, and alle Cristen, as them best seme to doon. Wryten at Twykenham, the seconde day of Aprill, the yere off our lord M iiij^{c} & xxx.

Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram nobis, Stephano Germen, Reuerendi in *Christo* patris et domini, domini Willelmi, dei gratia Londonie Episcopi, in Ciuitate Londonie ac decanatu Middlesexie & Berking, & c, Commissario generali, xiiij kalendarum Marcij, Anno domini supradicto. Commissa-que fuit Administracio dicti defuncti & c Executoribus in eodem testamento nominatis, Ac per eos Admissa.

RICHARD GRAVELEY, OF LONDON, GROCER, 1430.

[To be buried in the Porch of All-Hallows, Barking. A Horse, 2 gold Nobles, and 6 silver Spoons, to W. Graveley. £2 to wife's Servant. £20 for Daughter's marriage. Residue to Wife.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, lf. 265, back.)

Omnium Sanctorum, Berkyng.[1] *Testamentum* Ricardi Graveley.

In the name of god, Amen. I Richard Graweley[2] of London, Grocer, ordeyn And graunte my testament in this maner: Ferst y bequeth my sowle to our lord god Almyghty, maker of hewne and of yerth, praeyng and besekyng our lady seynt Mary, the modyr of our lord Ihesu, & all the company of hevne to pray for me to our lord Ihesu our savyour, tha[t] y may haue mercy and foryevenysse of synne. Al-so y bequeth my body to be byriyd in þ^{e} porche of the Churche of al Halewyn, Berkyng, by syde the towre of London, on

[1] This church was one of the few London ones not burnt in the Great Fire. It was too far to the East. The Monument (1546 A.D.) of Wm. Thynne, the first Editor of Chaucer (1532, 1542), is still in the Church.—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 130-1. Bp. Fisher and Archbp. Laud were buried here. The whole building had a narrow escape at the Great Fire, for, as Pepys records, the dial and porch were burnt, and the fire there quenched. The church is at the East end of Tower-street.—Cunningham.

[2] The *w* in the name is the same as *v*: cp. 'hewne' (= 'hevne,' line 17, heaven), 2 lines below.

the sowth̄ syde of the chirch̄. Al-so y be-quethe to my brother William Graueley of̄ London) an hors, þ^e^ which̄ ys in hys own) kepyng', & ij nobles of̄ golde the which̄ he owid me, and vj sylver spones, and an olde sylour' for a bedde. Al-so I bequeth̄ to Margaret 4 Knoston), my wyves *seruaun*t, xl s'. Al-so y bequeth̄ to my doughto*ur* Kater*yn*) xx li to hir maryage yf̄ she leve so longe, & yf̄ she passe to god or she [be] maryed', y woll̄ that my wyf haue that money. And yf̄ my wyf̄ and my dowghto*ur* deye or [*leaf* 266] they[1] 8 be maried, I will̄ þat þat money be yefen) in Almys for my sowle, & for here sowle. and all̄ the Remenent of̄ my gode & Catell̄, y bequeth̄ to my wif̄. And vpon) this testament y make And ordeyne my wyf̄ and Iohn) Abbey to be myn) Executo*ur*is, to dispose my 12 gode, and to p*er*forme my wille, As they wille Answere a-for god.

P*r*obat*um* fuit p*rese*ns test*amentum* coram nob*is*, Stepha*no* Germen), Co*m*missar*io* & c', viij k*alendarum* Februar*ii*, A*nno* d*omi*ni Mille*si*mo CCCC^mo^ xxx. Co*m*missa-q*ue* admi*ni*stra*cio* Iohan*ni* Abbey, 16 Rese*r*uat*a* pote*s*tate co*m*mittend*i* Admi*ni*stra*cion*em Executrici cu*m* aduene*rit*, & c'.

WILLIAM FITZ-HARRY, of Cosin Lane, LONDON, 1431.

[£50 for a Priest to sing 5 years for Testator's soul; and £10 for another to say 30 Masses and St. Gregory's Trental for a year. £10 for a Tomb. Stone to be carvd with crest, and 'Word' (or Motto) "Mercy and Joy." £10 to Poor. Money-gifts to Executors, &c. Wife to have House in Cosin Lane, and 3 fourths of all goods; Brother, the other fourth.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, lf. 285, bk.)

Test*amentum* Will*elmi* Fitz Harry. [*In margin.*]

In the name of̄ the holy blissed Trinite, oure sou*er*ayn lady seynt Marie, and all̄ holy Seyntes, Amen. I, William Fitz-Harry, 20 beyng yn goode heale and yn my full̄ wittes, make my testament yn this manere: First y bequethe my soule to god, my verry lord̄ and

[1] Wife die before daughter, and daughter before she's marrid.

sauyoure, for to abyde his gracious ordenaunce and mercy, and my body to be buryed there as he hath of his grace ordeyned; and to that place y yeue x li of gold. And y will, ther synge v. yere for me and for tho that y am most bounde to pray fore, a trewe prest, and that y will it be Frere William, if it be so that he haue sikerly leve of his Provyncyall and of his house; and elles, y will haue the best lyver that may be y-geten: and y wille this prest haue ech yere x li, that is to say, in v. yere, l li; and y will haue done for me the first day after that my soule ys passed, xxx^ti^ messes yn the wyse of a trentall of seynt Gregorie; and when this is done, y will the best prest that may be founde, sey for me the saide trentall, with the hole diriges, and all the seruice thurgh-out the yere, and the prest to haue x li. And y will, that on my body be laide a faire stone of Marble with my creste, myn armes, my vanturs, in blewe, reede, and white, and my word "mercy and ioie", to which word I take me fully for euermore. the price of the stone schalle be x li; and y will that my parissh chirches haue all here duetees. And y will there be delt for me yn hast to poure folke, x li. And y make myne executours, my wyf, my brother sir Iohn Fitz-Harry, Maister Thomas Morstede, Frere William Croland, Benet Maliot, and Robert Horne. And y yeue to Maister Thomas, x marc; and to Frere William, for he ys poure, x marc and his pece; And to Benet, for his pouert and long trewe seruice, xx li; and to Robert Horne xx marc, and to Thomelyn x marc. And y yeue Robert Pokyng, x marc; And y yeue to Robert Fulman, x marc; to Iohn Hale, v. marc; to Bussh, xx s; to Phelippe, xx s; to Ionet Wyntryngham, xx marc; to Anneys Mytton atte lyon, x li; to Maude Wilbe, xx li, so am y sworne; to Ienet Rye, x marc; to Ienet of Rone, v. marc. and when all this is paied and done, and my wille fulfilled, I will [*leaf* 286] my wyf haue myn hous in London, with all the rentes that y haue in Cosynlane.[1] Than will I that all manere of goodes that y haue, or be owyng to me in ony wyse, it ys my wille that my wyf [haue] alwey

[1] 'East from this *Downgate*, is *Cosin lane*, named of one *William Cosin*, that dwelled there in the fourth of *Richard* the second, as divers his predecessors, Fathers, Grandfathers, &c. had done before him.'—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 249 *b*. '*Downegate*, on the Thames, and is so called, of that downe-going or descending thereunto.'—*ib.* p. 248 *a*. Dowgate and Walbrook are in it.

thre parties, and my brother *sir* Iohn the forth *part*, that is, pleinly to sey, of^{t} ech iiij.^{C} mark', my wyf^{t} haue to haue iij^{C}. mark', and my brother C mark'. and of alle myn executo*urs* that y haue rehersed afore, whiche y haue chosyn, for trewe *per*fit loue I require hem and charge hem, as they wol answere afore oure lord^{t} on the hie day of Iugement, that they trewly and fully fulfille a^{ll} my wille and myn entent abouewriten: and this y aske of thaym, that they do this trewly and kyndely, for the loue and at the reue*re*nce of^{t} a^{ll}-myghty ihe*su*, yn whos me*rcy* and grace I putte me holy, both body and soule, for eue*r*more, Amen. That this ys fully my last will, I sette ther-to my sygne manuell.

Probatum fuit *pre*sens testamentu*m* coram nobis, Iohanne Druell, Commissari*o* &c', vj° Id*us* Septembr*is*, Anno *domi*ni Mille*s*imo CCCC^{mo} xxxj°; Commissaq*ue* fuit admi*ni*stra*cio* Elizabethe, relicte dict*i* defuncti, Iohanni Fitz-Harry, Magi*st*ro Thome Morstede[1] [& Robe*r*to Horne *interlined*], executo*ribus* in dicto testa*mento* no*mi*nati*s* & c', Rese*r*uata potestate no*bis* co*m*mittendi onus admi*ni*stra*cio*nis bonor*um* h*uius*mo*di* Alijs coexecuto*ribus* inte*r*ius no*mi*nati*s* cum vene*r*int & c'. *comparuit* coram no*bis* xviij° die Nouembr*is*, *Anno* sup*ra*dicto, Benedictus Maleot, & onus administra*cionis* co*m*missu*m* fuit sibi.

RICHARD TYRELL, ? OF STOKE-DABERNON, SURREY, 1431.

[To be buried at Sopwell, Herts. Gifts to Sopwell Church and its Nuns; to the Friars of Guildford, and Roodloft of Stoke. Residue to Executors and Wife, for Testator's Soul. He writes his Will.]

(Register Luffenam, lf. 106 bk.)

Testa*mentu*m Ric*ardi* Tyrell, Armige*ri*. [*In margin.*]

In dei nomi*ne* amen. I Richard^{t} Tyrell, being in helth and good mynde, ordeyne and make my testa*m*ent in this wise: First I

[1] Morsted was a Doctor, says Mr. Chalenor Smith.

bequethe my sinfull soule to god almyghty, to his moder blessed Marye, and to all the holy seintes in heuen, and my body to be buried in the chirche of Soppewell.[1] Also I bequethe for reparacion of the sayd chirch and place, where most nede is, x marc; Also to the Nonnes of the said chirch, egally to be departed among hem, to pray for my soule, x marc; Also to the Freres of Gilford,[2] lxvj s', viij d; Also for reparacion of the chirch, and specially þe rodelofte of Stoke,[3] C s'. The remenaunt of my good I giffe and bequethe to William Estfeld, Mercer and Alderman of Londen, Dame Alionore Hull, Roger Husewyffe, prest, and to Amy my wyfe, whom I make Executours of my testament and my last will, to do and dispose for profite and wel of my soule aftir ther discrecioun. And also I woll that sir Nichol Dixon, Clerk, have the suruewe[4] of my said Executours. In wittenes of the which thing I haue putte ther-to my seell. Writen atte StokDabernoun[5] the xxvj day of Maij, the regne of kyng Harry the vj aftir conquest, the ix 3ere, and of oure lord of Heuen a M' cccc & xxxj. writen with myn owen hond / Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne Lyndefeld, Commissario &c, die mensis Iulij, Anno domini supradicto; et commissa est administracio bonorum &c Executoribus in eodem nominatis; ac xxiij die mensis Septembris acquietati fuerunt Executores &c.

[1] In Hertfordshire, near St. Albans.
[2] In Surrey.
[3] Probably the Stoke near Guildford.
[4] Overseeing, oversight.
[5] Stoke-Dabernon (Dalberon, or Daborn), Surrey, between Cobham and Fetcham, near the river Mole.—Walker's *Gazetteer*.

ISABEL GREGORY, OF HACKNEY, 1431-2.

[Gifts of a Table-cloth to the high altar of Hackney Church; of a Bed, Mattrass, Sheets, Pot, Pan, Buffet, 2 Cushions, Gowns plain and furd, Kirtle, Wood, Coal, Chest, Barrel, Fire-pan, Form, File, Chest, and 6 Hens.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, leaf 296 bk.)

Test*amentu*m Isabel Gregory de Hakeney.[1] [*In margin.*]

I, Isabel Gregory, I be-quethe my soule to god Almygthy, and to owre lady sent Mary, and aH the company of heuen, & my body to be beryit in sent Austynyscherchhawe of Hakeney. I be-quethe the hey aut*er* a bord-cloth is iij ȝerdys of lenthe or mor, (the to*ther* is xj ȝerdys of lenthe). also I be-quethe the bed that I lyin in, to Aneys New-kole, saf the mat*eras*: that schaH Idany Hale haue. I be-quethe to Iohn of the spetiH, a schete, and a bras pot of a galon, and an old panne. al-so I be-quethe the [same] Idany a bofet;[2] and to the same Idony, ij cosyonys. also I be-quethe to Ione my dowt*er*, a blew goune and a grene kyrtyH, and a schete. al-so I be-quethe to I [*so*] Idany of the spetiH, my wode and my Cole. also, I make and ordeyne that WiH Seluest*er* haue the gou*ernaun*ce. of aH other godys that I have be-syde, I make a fre ȝefte to WiH Seluest*er* to selle, and to ȝeve for my soule and aH Crystyne soulys, in the best maner that may ben ordeynyt. al-so I be-quethe to Ionet Seluest*er* a blake cote, furryd. aHso I be-quethe to Thom*as* Form*annis* wyf a russet goun*ne* lynyt w*ith* whythe blanket. also to Idany Hale a cloke and a goun*ne* of russet, furrit; also in esement of Idany and of Iohn of the spetyH, for Almys I lent hem, a chest, and a vergyo*us* bareH, and a fyerpanne, and a forme, and a pot of bras, w*ith* a vyle, and a forser[3] w*ith* loke and kye, and vj hennys.

Pro*batum* fuit p*re*sens test*amentu*m coram nobis, Iohan*ne* DrueH.

[1] Then a village N. of London; now part of it.

[2] Fr. 'buffet: m. A court-cupboord, or high-standing cupboord.'—1611. Cotgrave.

[3] Ital. '*forziere*, a chest, a forcet, a coffin, a casket, a cabinet.'—Florio. 1598.

Commissario &c', x° die Ianuarii, anno domini M' CCCC^mo xxxj. Et commissa fuit Administracio Willelmo Seluester, executori interius nominato.

RICHARD GRAY, OF ST. BARTHOLOMEWS, LONDON, 1432-3.

[To be buried in St. Bartholomew's Church, with 4 Tapers and 4 Torches. All Goods to Executors, for Testator's Soul. (Nothing to Wife and 2 Sons.)]

(More, 3 Comy. Court of London, lf. 340 bk.)

Bartholomei. *Testamentum* Ricardi Gray. [*In margin.*]

In the name of god, Amen. I, Rychard' Gray, not hole of body but hole in mynd', mak my testament concernyng my last wyH in this wyse: I be-queth & geue my sowle in-to the hondys of oure lord' Ihesu crist', & to oure lady seynt Mary, and to Peter & Powle & seynt Bertylmew, & to aH the Apostolles, confessors virgyn & Marters, and to aH the company of heuen, and my body to be beryed a-for the trinite autre in chirche of seynt Bertylmew.[1] And y- wyH, as towchyng' my bryngyng on erth, to be takyn of the hole goodes that is my owne, & that ther be a-bowt my body iiij tapers & iiij torches, & that ther be geuen vn-to the conuent vj s. viij d' for to pray for me to our' lord' Ihesu cryst'. And as towchyng to aH my goodes mevealble [*so*] & vnmevable, to dispose ham, I mak & ordeyne vn-to my executer, my wyiff' Anneys, & my lord' sir' William Couentre, prior' of seynt Bertylmew[2] in Westsmythfeld' in London, for to

[1] In Smithfield, *not* in Broad st. Ward. 'Next is the Parish Church of Saint *Bartholomew*, at the end of Bartholomew Lane.'—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 191 *a*.

[2] The 'Priory of St. *Bartholomew*, founded also by *Rahere*, a pleasant witted Gentleman; and therefore in his time called the King's Minstrell, about the yeere of Christ, 1102. . . To this Priory, King Henry the second granted the priviledge of a Faire to bee kept yeerly at *Bartholomewtide*, for three daies . . . to the which the Clothiers and Drapers of *London* repaired, and had their Boothes and standings within the Church-yard of this Priory.'—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 418 *a*, 419 *a*.

dyspose the same goodes to helth̄ and saluacion̄ of my sowle, as tham semyth̄ best to be don̄, wyttenessyng' Maister Iohn̄ Wylbury, dwellyng in Ive Lane[1] besyde seynt Powles, & Syr Ion̄ Venys, chanon̄ of Seynt Bartilmew, & my ij sonnys Richard & Iohn̄: 4 wryttyn the vij day of March̄, the ȝere of our' lord' a thowsand' iiij^{c} xxxij$_{o}$.

Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram nobis, I d'; vltimo die Marcij, Anno domini Mcccc xxxiij°, commissa-que fuit administracio 8 Agneti, relicte eiusdem, reseruata potestate committend'-de domino Willelmo Couentre cum venerit.

JOHN BARNET, OF LONDON, DRAPER, 1433.

[Gifts of 3*s.* 4*d.* each to 3 Churches, and of Gowns to poor Tenants. Blood-red gown to be sold for Testator's soul.]

(More, 3 Com^{r}. Court of London, lf. CCC liij°.)]

Testamentum Iohannis Barnet. [*In margin.*]

In the name of god, Amen. The xvj day of the monyth of April, the yere of ouur lord Ihesu Crist Millesimo cccc xxxiij, I Iohn̄ 12 Barnet, Citezin and draper' of London̄, beyng in good mynde and in hool resoun̄, make my testament in forma sewyng': ffyrst I beqwethe my sovle to god Almyghty, and to hys moder the glorious virgyn ouur lady seynt Marye, and all̄ the holy seyntes of hevene, And my body 16 to be beryed where the Avise is of myn executours. And I make myn executours, Marie my wyif, and my sone Richard, Marie to be evermore myn executrice principall̄,[2] And no thyng' to be dymened a3ens here wille. And I be-qwethe to the chirche of seynt Petris, iij s 20 iiij d'; and to Barnet chirche,[3] iij s' iiij d'; And to Monkes chirch,[4] iij s'

[1] Ivy Lane, near Paternoster Row: 'Next is *Ivie Lane*, so called of Ivie growing on the walls of the Prebends houses.'—Stow, p. 388 *a*.

[2] In margin, as to Executors, '*habent* acq*uietanciam*.'

[3] Barnet, in Middlesex, and Hertfordshire, 11 miles N. by W. of London.

[4] Monkenchurch or Monken (Monks') Hadley, now Hadley, adjoins Barnet, Middlesex, on the N.—Thorne's *Environs of London*, i. 265. See Notes, below.

iiij d. Also I beqwethe to my poore tenauntes, my govnys [to] be partyd after the devys of myn executours aboveseyd, everich of hem a govne. Also I will that my sangvyn govne be sold, & do for my sovle. In wytnesse of the which, I have put to this present testament my seal: wytnesse of this testament, sire Richard Seynour, Simond Cake, Richard Derby, clerk, Dated, 3ere & day aboveseyd. Probatum &c coram I d. xxij° die Aprilis, Anno supradicto, & commissa Administracio executoribus & c.

WALTER MANGEARD, COOK, OF LONDON, AND SUSSEX, 1433.

[To be buried in St. Bride's, Fleet St. Gifts to the High Altar and Works of St. Bride's; to little Watkin, testator's Godson and Servant; to a Brewer, a debt; and to his son, a gown; to the Fraternity of Cooks, 13*s.* 4*d.* Beasts in Sussex to be sold for Hurstpierpoint Church. Residue to Wife.]

(More, 3 Comᵛ. Court of London, lf. 380.)

Testamentum Walteri: Mangeard. [*Lower down, in margin.*]

In the name of god, so mot hit bee: the xiiij day of the Monethe of Marche, the yere of oure lord god Mˡ CCCC xxxiijᵃ I, Walter Mangeard, Citesen and koke of London, make & ordeyne my present testament of my last will in this maner: fyrst I beqvethe & recomende my soule to almyghtti god, & to oure ladi seynt Mary, & to alle the seyntes in heuene, And my body to be beried in the chirche yerde of seynt Bride in Fletestrete.[1] Item y bequethe to the hie auter of the same chirche for my offeryngus & my dutys leuyng[2] bihynde vnpayed, xij d. Item y bequethe & 3eue alle the dettes thet Iohn Hille, Armerer, owyth me, to the chirche werkes of seynt Brides Afore-seyde, and thet the seyd dettes be contented & payed to the seyd chirche werkes be the seyd Iohn, and thet anone

[1] Near *Bride Lane*, and the old *Bride-well*, dedicated to St. Bridget or St. Bride. See Stow's *Survey*, p. 437 *a*, and Hughson's *Walks thro' London*, 1817, i. 159. Church burnt in the Great Fire, 1666, and rebuilt by Sir C. Wren.

[2] remaining.

aftur my desese. Item I bequethe & ȝeue aH the dette thet William Lacy, Tayler, oweht me, to the seyde chirchewerkes, for to be contented & payed to the seyd werkes in the forme foreseyd. Item y bequethe to litiH Watkyn, my Godsone & my seruant, x markes sterlynges.[1] Item y foryeve & relese Walter Floode, Brewer, aH the dette thet he oweht me. Item y bequethe to Iohn Floode his sone, oon of my govnes longyng to my body, suche as myn executours wyH deliuere. Item y be-quethe to the fraternyte of my crafte of cokes, xiij s'. iiij. d. Item y bequethe & yeue alle the meuable CateH of bestaH thet y haue in Sussex' in the parehce of Perpoyntehurst,[2] to the chirche werkes ther, & thet they haue my soule in mynde, & thet the[3] seyd BestaH be solde be the vice[4] of the paresshens ther, as for the most avice[5] of the seyd chirche werkes. The residue of alle my goodes & catelles, bothe quike & dede, mevable & vn-mevable, aftur my bequestes fulfilled, & my dettis peyed, I yeue hem holli vnto Maude my wyf, scho for to doo with hem hir ovne fre wylle, with-ovten lettyng or disturbance of eny persone. To this present testment y make & ordeyne my trewe executours, thet is to wete, the foreseyde Maude my wyff, principaH executrice, Thomas Harneys & Robert Andrewe coexecutours, & I bequethe the seyd Thomas & Robert, yche of hem for here labour x s'. In wytnes where-of, to this present testament y haue put to my sele. wreton at Londoñ the dai & the yere afore seyde.

Probatum fuit &c coram I. D. xij die Maij, & Anno supradicto, & commissa administracio executoribus supradictis & c.

[1] In margin, as to Executors, 'habent acquietanciam.'
[2] Hurstpierpoint, N.W. of Lewes, near Twineham.
[3] MS. the the.
[4] voice.
[5] opinion, judgment, benefit.

MARGARETE ASSHCOMBE, (ONCE BLONCIT) WIDOW, OF LONDON, 1434.

[To be buried near the Dead-house of St. Paul's: 4 Priests and 4 Torches at the Burial. Gifts to Parson and Church of St. Mary Stayning. Gifts of a gold Ring with a 'Reason'[1] or Motto, and another with a Crucifix; of a Gown and kirtle of Musterdevylers (grey woollen), &c. Residue for Testatrix's soul.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, leaf 410 back.)

Testamentum: Margarete: Asshecombe: [*In margin, lower down.*]

In the name of god, Amen: I. Margarete Asshcombe, in good mynde, and hole of speche beyng', make my testamente in this forme suyng': fyrste y comande my soule to god almyghty, and my body to be beryed anenest the charneH[1] of Poules, in Pouleschirche-yerd, be-twyn toe trees nere by the berieH of my husbonde, sum*t*yme called Iohn Bloncit. Also y bequethe to the Person of the churche of seynt Marie Stanyng'[2] in Londõ, iij s' iiij d. Also y bequethe to the makyng' or amendyng' of the seyde churche, iij s' iiij d. Also y bequethe a shete to the seyde Chirche, to be peynted at the persons coste aforeseyde, forto hange to-fore ij auteres in the seyde Churche. Also y wyll haue iiij prestes to brynge me to my grave, takyng yche of hem iiij d for there labour. Also y wyH haue iiij torches brennyng, to brynge me to my grave, and ij tapres to stande at my hed while my body resteth in my hous of dwellyng' or in eny Churche. Also y bequethe to the wyf of William Oweyn a ryng of golde with a ston, & a resoñ[3] 'sans departir.' Also y bequethe to the wyf of William

[1] Fr. '*Charnier*: m. A Churchyard, or cha[r]nell house; a place wherein dead bodies are layd, or their bones kept.'—1611. Cotgrave.

[2] 'In *Staining lane*, of old time so called, as may bee supposed, of Painter-stainers dwelling there.' . . . 'There is the small Parish Church of Saint Mary, called *Staining*, because it standeth at the North end of *Staining lane*, in Aldersgate Ward.'—Stow, *Suruey*, 1633, p. 321. It was destroyd in the Great Fire of 1666, and not rebuilt.

[3] reson = motto.

Hotoñ my cosyn), a ryng of golde *with* a crucifix abovne. also y be-quethe to Clemens, the woma*n* that kepes[1] me, a gowne of Musterdevylers,[2] & a kyrteH of mus*ter*devylers w*ith* grene sleues, & an hode of blak of lure,[3] & an a[4] hod of blewe. AH the remenant' of my goodes, y wyH that they be solde, & truli doñ for my sowle, & the seyde husbonde, and aH my fryndes, as myn*e* executoures wyl answere at the laste rekeny*ng*. and forthermore to folfulle this my testamente and wyH, I ordeyne the sayde William Owen, & my Cosyn) William Hotoñ, myn*e* executo*ures*. wretoñ the ij day of Novembr*e* th[e] yere of Kyng Harri the .vj^te^ aftur the conqueste xiij^tht^. to the wheche executoires, y bequethe eyther, x s' for her' labour'. alsoo y bequ[e]the to Aneys CopursmytH a combe of yverie, & to Aneys hir' mayden, a russet kyrteH furred w*ith* lambe.

Probatum fuit presens testamentu*m* coram nobis Iohanne Chichele, in Decretis & c', xxij° die Mensis Nouembr*is*, Anno d*omi*ni Mille*si*mo CCCC^mo^ tricesimo quarto &c'; co*m*missa fuit admi[ni]stracio executoribu*s* inte*r*ius no*minati*s.

[1] looks after, sees to, serves.

[2] The name is from Mustarde Vylers, Montiviliers in Normandy, where the stuff was made. ('In the mene whyle was the [city] of Roon, *Mustarde Vylers*, and Herflete, i-loste byfore Crystysmasse.'—Hen. VI. A° xxviij. 1449-1450.) It was 'a kind of mixed grey woollen cloth, which continued in use up to Elizabeth's reign.'—Hall.'s *Gloss.* (? authority.)

[3] ? Not Fr. *lueur*, 'brightnesse, luster.' Stratmann cites *lure* (from T. Wright's *Specimens of Lyric Poetry*, temp. Edw. II, p. 52) as a variant of *hleor*, leer, *gena, facies*. But we want another meaning. Compare 'grene alyre,' p. 117, l. 14; and 'togam viridis coloris anglice grene lyre medley.'—Will of O. Warner, 1490; 'Blac of lyre.'—Will of J. Urban, 1421 (Register 'Marche'); 'togam de Blakalyr' medeley.'—Will of J. Peese, 1487 (Register 'Milles').

[4] so in MS.

ROGER BORTON, OF HACKNEY, MIDDLESEX, 1434.

[To be buried in St. Austin's, Hackney. Gifts to the Church Altar and Bells, and to mend the Parish Highway. A Bullock and a brass Pot to each of his 2 Daughters. Residue to Wife.]

(More, 3 Comr. Court of London, lf. 412.)

Testamentum: Rogeri: Borton: [*In margin, lower.*]

In the name of god, Amen: THe xxv day of November, the yere of our lorde Millesimo CCCC^mo^ xxxiiij, I, Roger Bortoñ of Hakeney,[1] beyng in good mynde, ordeyne & make my testamente in this maner: fyrst y betake my sowle to oure lord Ihesu crist, & to his moder seynt Mari, & my body to be beried in the Chircheyerde of the parecħ chirche of seynt Austyn of Hakeney aboue seyde. Item y bequethe to the hye Auter of the same Churche xx d. Item y bequethe to the reparacioñ of the Belles of the same Churche, xx d. Item y bequethe to the Amendynge of the hye wey in the same paresshe, xx d. Item y bequethe Agnes my dowghtur, my Doñ Bullok, & I pot of bras of a galoñ. Item y bequethe Cristian my dowghtur, my red Bullok, & a pot of bras of I galoñ. And the Residue of my goodes & catelles, whatsoeuer they be, aftur my dettus ben payed, & this testamente fulfulled, I yeve & bequethe to Alysoñ my wyf; whiche Alisoñ, of this testament y make my chef executrice, & Thomas Goodyng of Hakeney hir coexecutur. These byn wytnesse: Thomas Goodyng, Richard Chapman, Adam Stambrygge, Iohn Burtoñ, And other mo. wretoñ the day and the yere above seyde

Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram nobis Iohanne Chichele, in Decretis Bacallaureo Reuerendo &c ci, vij die Mensis Decembris, Anno domini supradicto &c ci. commissa-que fuit Administracio omnium bonorum &c executoribus interius nominatis.

[1] Now part of London, on the North-east, abuv Bethnal Green. In 1817, says David Hughson, "*Hackney* is a large village, two miles from London, and has several hamlets, as Upper and Lower Clapton, Daleston [Dalston], Shacklewell, and Homerton."—*Walks through London*, ii. 376.

RAUF HETH, OF HACKNEY, MIDDLESEX, 1434.

[To be buried in St. Austin's, Hackney. Gifts to that Church, its Parish-Clerk, and Poor, and Highways. Wife to have House at Hackney for life, and then it is to go to Testator's two Daughters. If they die under age, House to be sold, and Money to go for Testator's Soul. Residue to Wife.]

(More, 3 Comy. Court of London, lf. 414.)

Testamentum: Radulphi: Heth: [*In margin, lower down.*]

In the name of god, Amen: The vj day of December in the yere of oure Lorde Ihesu crist M^{l} CCCC xxxiiij^{o}, And in the xiij^{e} yere of the regne of Kyng^{t} Henry the sexte, I Rauf^{t} Heth of the paressh of Hakeney in the Counte of Middlesex, beyng^{t} of good mynde, ordeyne & make my testament conteynyng^{t} my laste wyll, in this wyse: Fyrst^{l}, y bequethe and recommende my sowle vnto almyghty god^{d} my maker and savyour, and to his blissed moder^{e} oure lady seint Marie, and to all his seyntus, And my body forto be beryed^{e} in the chircheyerd^{e} of the paressh chirche of sey[nt] Austyn^{e} of Hakeney aboveseyd^{e}. Item y be-quethe the hygh Auter of the same churche, xx d^{l}; Item to the werk^{e} of the seyd churche, xx d^{l}; & to the paressh Clerk^{e} of the same churche, xij d^{l}. Item y bequethe to be distribute among^{t} porefolk^{e} of the same paressh, for my sowle, xx d^{l}. Item I beguethe to the amendyng^{t} of hyhe wayes in the same paressh, iij s^{l} iiij d^{l}. Item y will that, aftur my decese, Anys my wyf haue & reioyse duryng^{t} her lyf all my mesuage, with the curtylage and all the appurtenance, set & lyeng^{t} in the paressh of Hakeney aboue seyde. And aftur the deces of the same Aneys my wyf^{e}, I will that the foreseyd^{e} messuage, with the curtylage, and all the appurtenaunce^{z}, remayne to Katerine & Iohane my dougheters, to haue and to holde to hem & to here heyres & assigne^{z} for euermore; fforseen^{e} alwey, that yf^{t} the seyde Kateryne & Iohane my doughtres dye withinne laweful age, than^{e} y woll that the seyd^{e} mesuage, with the curtylage and all the appurtenaunt^{z}, be solde by myne executours, And the

money therof' comyng' be desposed' and distribute for my soule in werkes of almes, aftur the good discrecyoñ of myñ executours. And the resydewe of aH my goodes & catalles, what-soeuer they bee, aftur my dettus byñ fuH payed', and this testamente fulfylled', y yeue & bequethe to the foreseyd' Anys my wyf'; wheche Aneys, of this testamente y make my chif' executrice, and Ioñn Borage hir' coexecutour; and y bequethe to the same Ioñn Borage for his labour ij s'. In wytnesse of whiche thyng', to this my testamente y haue set my seeH. these been witnesses: Thomas Ruddok', Richard' Austyñ, Ioñn Batte, & other'. wrytoñ & yoveñ atte Hakeney the day & yere abouseyd'.

Probatum fuit testamentum supradictum coram nobis, Iohanne Chichele, in Decretis Bacallario & c', xxj° die Mensis Decembris, anno domini M° CCCC xxxiiij° & c'. commissa fuit administracio executoribus interius nominatis.

ROGER ELMESLEY, A WAXCHANDLER'S SERVANT, LONDON, 1434.

[To be buried outside the Porch-Door of St. Margaret Pattens, L. Tower St., with his name on his Tomb-stone. Gifts of money and a Torch to the Church. Gifts of Coals, Gown, Hood. To a Godchild, a Feather-bed, Blankets, Sheets, Pillows, Coverlets, Table-cloths, Towels, Napkins, Pewter Dishes and Sawcers, Cups, Silver Spoons, Basins, Candlesticks, eard Brass Pan, Banker, Cushions, Salt-cellar, Beads, Gilt Silver Crucifix, Ring with graspt Hands, Rack for roasting Eggs, Covercles, Table, Joint-stools, a Primer to serve God with, and a Coffer. To others, Peacock Flivers (? feathers), Chests, Staff, Towel-roller, Chair, and Sconces. Symkyn Brownyng to look after the Godchild.]

(More, 8 Comr. Court of London, lf. 431 bk.)

Testamentum : Rogeri : Elmesley : [*In margin, lower down.*]

IN the name of the Fader' and the sone & the Holi goost, Amen! At the fest of seynt Nicolas & the translacioñ of seynt Andrewe, of bothe translacioñ, that is to sei, the ix dai of Maij, the yere of owre lord a thousand' iiij hundred & xxxiiij / And the reyñ of our' lege lord' the kyng' Harre the sexte of his conquest, the xj yer, I, Roger

Elmesley, seruant sumtyme with Iohn Bokeler', wexchaundeler' of London, I the foreseyd Roger', in good hele of bodi & soule, & in good mynde, as y wiH answere a-fore god, make my testament in this wise / first y bequethe my soule to god almygti of heuene, & to his blessed moder seynt Mari, & to seynt Katerine, & to seynt Margrete, and to aH the holi compani of heuene, and my body to be beried vnder the ston with-oute the Dore of the porche,[1] & my name wretoñ ther-oñ when y am ded'. Also y bequethe to the werkes of the same churche of seynt Marget Patyns, iij s' iiij d', to haue my beryyng' ther, & the ston fre / Also i bequethe to the hi auter, of offerynges foryeten, xx d'; Also to the klerk' of the forseyd churche, xij d' // Alsoo the foreseyd' churche, a torcH of my terment, for to brenne euery Sondai at the leuaçioñ at the hie masse // Also I bequethe to Iohn Wodrof & Alison his wyf', v quarteres of coles; & to Iohn Woderof my beste goune & my beste hod, & the forre in the same goune, if so be that he leue that time; & elles, seH hit, & do hit for the loue of god', & yeue to pore housholders in coles. More-ouer y bequethe to Robert Sharp goddis-child', a liteH fetherbed' & ij peire smale shetes, & a peyre of large shetes goode, & a peire[2] of blankettes, & ij goode pelewes, on large, & another lasse and feire ybored', & a whit couerlit & a red couerlit, & a good bordcloth with crosse werk, & another bordcloth with mylyngis[3] at the toñ ende, in lenkethe ij ȝerdes; & on halfe large, & I toweH of parys werk', viij yerdes of lenkethe; also too the beste sanapes,[4] also a plate of peautre & ij disshes of peautre, & ij sauseres of peautre & ymarked with .R. and .S.; moreouer a litil maser' coppe, & I white coppe, & a spone of siluer' with-out mark', & a liteH basyn knopped', & iij candelstikes of latyn, & a litiH panne of brasse y-ered,[5] and a chaufur of bras, & a lytil posnet' of bras, & a

[1] Of *St. Margaret Pattens*, in Little Tower Street (p. 137), in Billingsgate Ward. (p. 228) one other Lane, called *S. Margaret Pattens*, because of old time Pattens were usually made and sold: but of later time this is called *Roode lane*, of a Rood there placed, in the Churchyard of *S. Margaret*, whilest the old Church was taken downe, and againe new builded; during which time, the oblations made to this Rood, were imployed towards building of the Church.—Stow's *Survey*, ed. 1633 A.D.

[2] MS. a peire a peire.

[3] ? millings, like those on the edge of a coin.

[4] Sanape, *manutergium*, hand-napkin. Nominale, in Hall.'s *Gloss.*

[5] With ears or handles.

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bankar of blewe & blak', & iij quisshon*us* of the same colo*ur* vn-stopped'; also a feir' salt saler of peautre w*ith* a feyre knoppe; also a peyre of' bedes of siluer w*ith* a crucifix of silu*er* and y-gilt; also a payre bedes of blak' gaudys of silu*er* & gilt, & a ryng' ther-on w*ith* clippyng' of ij handes, siluir & gilt; also a rake of yreñ forto rost on his eyren, also a litiH couerkeH[1] for his coppe ygilt'; also a whit cou*er*keH w*ith* roses & flourdeluces / also a litil tabel peynted' trestelwise; also a litil Ioyned stoH for a child, & a nother Ioyned stoH, large for to sitte on, whanne he cometh to mannes state; also a prymmer' for to serve god w*ith*; also a litel cof*ur* to putte in his smale thynges. Also i bequethe the same Robard', to Symkyng' Brownyng', Klerk', to goddis woshup & soule hele / And also if the foreseyd Robard' die w*ith*-ynne age, that the foreseyd' [*lf.* 432] goodes thet he shulde haue, [ben] I-sold' & I-yeueñ to pore pepeH in coles, as secoutors wil answere afore god // Moreou*er* y bequethe Will*iam* Osberne the fliueres of pecok' // more-ou*er*e y bequethe Maut Cokkeman my wyves forcet, & a staf' w*ith* an handeH // More-ou*er* y bequethe my roller for a toweH to Margery Bokeler'; Also to Alisoñ Oxyn' my chayre, and to Robard Sharpe my peynted chest / Moreou*er*, sir Ioh̃n Russhebrok' a skonce[2] / an other' skonce to Symond' Brownyng'. Here-oppon y make my seketou*re*s, sir Ioh̃n Russhebrok', chauntre prist of seynt Marget Patens, and Symond Brounyng', Clerk' of the same churche / I bequethe Iche of hem, for here trauayle, x s'. To this wittenesse thet this testament ys my ful wiH, Iwreten the dai a-fore seyd' that these neybou*re*s wil bere witnesse theropon, thet is to sey / Ioh̃n Hardynge, Grocer; Will*iam* Ferrou*re*, Brewer, and Thomas Colman, Talvchaundeler'; Thomas Oxyn', hosier // And y pray yowe loki thys marke and thys SeeH, acorde as y Roger wyl answere afore god'

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Probatum fuit testamentu*m* supradictu*m* coram Nobis, Iohanne Chichele, in Decret*is* Bacallar*io* &c, xviij die Mensis Maij, Anno

[1] Fr. '*Couvercle:* m. A Couer, or Lid.'—Cotgrave. A.D. 1611.
[2] A light to hang against the wall.

*domi*ni Mill*esi*mo CCCC tricesimo quinto & c' / commissa-q*ue* fuit admi*ni*stracio *omnium* bonor*um* & [c'] executorib*us* sup*er*ius nominat*is* & c'.

ISABELL*E* DOVE, 1434-5.

[Goods to bury her, and pay her debts and bequests. Residue to be kept till her husband comes home from beyond the sea.]

(More, 3 Com^{y}. Court of London, lf. 379 bk.)

Isabell Dove. [*In margin.*]

Thys is the will o Isabell Dove, lat the wyf of Thom*as* Dove, 4
Citezein of London, made the xiij day of Marche, the yer*e* of our*e*
lorde M^{l} CCCC^{mo} [x]xxiiij, that Geretrude de Lunhx, the wyf of
Will*iam* de Lunhx, Citezein & vint*er* of London, schuld' haue the
godes of the seyde Isabell In kepyng, for to brynge her' on erthe, to 8
pay her' dettis, her' bequest*is*; and the remenant for to kepe to the
vse of the husbondes[1] of the seyde Isabell, vn-to his comyng' home
fro beyonde the See, the seyd' godes *in* the Inuentare here remaynyng.

Probat*um* fuit h*ec* voluntas cor*am* I d., iiij° die Maij, Anno 12
d*omi*ni Mille*si*mo cccc^{mo} xxxiiij° & c'; & com*m*issa Admi*ni*str*acio*
Geretrud*e* de Lunhx *secun*d*um* tenor*em* eiusd*em*.

[*In margin is*] h*abet* ac*quietanciam*.

[1] a genitive ?

RICHARD BOKELAND, ESQ., OF ALL-HALLOWS THE GREATER, THAMES ST., LONDON, 1436.

[To be buried in Pardon Churchyard, St. Paul's. Two Oxford or Cambridge Priests to be paid to pray for Testator's Soul for 20 years. St. Gregory's Trental to be sung. Marble Tombstone to have Crest on, with 'Mercy and Grace.' Year's Mind to be kept for 20 years at St. Mary Ottery, Devonshire; and for 5 years by the 4 Orders of Friars in London. Gifts to Poor, and to All-hallows and St. Nicholas Cold-Abbey churches. A million Masses to be said for Testator's Soul. Gifts to London and Westminster Prisoners, to the Spital sick folk, and the Lazar-houses. Gifts to the Prioress of Cheshunt and the Canons of Waltham Abbey. £100 to Daughter, and £20 to each of her children. Legacies to Brother and other folk. Cheshunt Convent to have back its pledges free. Residue to Executors, two of whom get furd Gowns.]

(Luffenam, lf. 162.)

Testamentum Ricardi Bokeland. [*In margin.*]

In the Name of god', Amen. The .v. day of August yn the yere of yowre Lord M[1] cccc xxxvj, And the xiiij yere of the Reigne of kyng Henry sixt, I, Richard Bokeland, Squyer, beyng yn
4 Resonable helth of body, & hoole of mynde, make my testament in manere as foloweth. Furst I betake my soule vnto god, my verray lord & Saveour, & to his blessid moder oure lady Saint Mary, and to all his saintes of heven; And my wrecchid body to be beryed at
8 Pardon chirche-yerd at saint Poules[1] yn London). All so y gif vnto

[1] *Pardon Churchyard* was on the N. side of St. Paul's. Paul's Cross was in it. Stow says of St. Paul's (*Survey*, 1633, p. 354):

'Great Cloystry of *Pauls*

'There was also one great Cloyster, on the North side of this Church, invironing a plot of ground, of old time called *Pardon Church-yard;* whereof *Thomas More*, Deane of *Pauls*, was eyther the first Builder, or a most especiall Benefactor, and was buried there.

'Dance of *Pauls*

'About this Cloyster, was artificially and richly painted the Dance of *Machabre*, or Dance of Death, commonly called the *Dance of Pauls*. . . In this Cloyster were buried many Persons, some of Worship, and others of Honour: The Monuments of whom, in number and workmanship, passed all other that were in that Church. . . . .

þe warkes of Poules x li. AH-so y wuH that ther' be founden at þe vniuersitees of Oxonford or Cambrigge, after þe discrecion of my wyf & executours, two gode honnest and vertuous preestes of conuersacioun, the terme of xx yere, prayenge for the soules of me, my fadyr, moder, broder, and for aH thoo that I am bounden to pray for, eche of the saide preestes takynge yerly C s'., hauynge in Charge to seye euery friday a messe of þe trentaH, with Placebo and dirige, & the ix lessons. Item I bequethe xx marces vnto diuers preestes for to singe masses of the grete Gregorie trentale.[1] AH-so I woH þat there be leyde vpon my body a stone of Marble, with the crest of my Armes þerupon, and aH-so with thise wordes, 'Mercy and grace.' AH-so y gif vnto the collage of saint Mary Ottroye[2] in Devenshire, xx li, to be demened, xx s' þerof yerely in this wise: that euery yere durynge the terme of xx yere, my mynd, with Placebo & Dirige & masse of Requiem to be doon oones, yevynge to euery chanon beinge ther'-at present viij d, to euery preest vj d, to euery secundary & clerc of the chirch iiij d, and to euery quarester ij d; And yf þer' leve any þynge of the said xx s', to be delt to euery pouere man of that parissh ij d, and aH thoo pouere men to be at the Dirige & messe. Item y gif vnto the chirche of Alhalowen the more[3]

'Chappell in *Pardon Church-yard*

'In the midst of this *Pardon Church-yard*, was also a faire Chappell, first founded by *Gilbert Becket*, Portgrave, and principall Magistrate of this City, in the reigne of King *Stephen*, who was there buried. *Thomas More* [? he whose Tomb is named abuv, p. 71, l. 7], Deane of *Pauls*, before named, re-edified or new builded this Chappell, and founded three Chaplaines there, in the reigne of *Henry* the fifth.'

This Pardon Church-yard of *St. Paul's* must not be confounded with that at the Charter-House, of which Stow says:

'This house [the *Charter-house*] he [Sir *Walter Manny*] founded upon this occasion: A great Pestilence [the Black Death] entring this Iland, began first in *Dorsetshire*, then proceeded into *Devonshire*, *Somersetshire*, *Glocestershire*, and *Oxfordshire*, and at length came to *London*, and overspread all *England*, so wasting the people, that scarce the tenth person of all sorts was left alive, and Churchyards were not sufficient to receive the dead, but men were forced to chuse out certeine fields for burials: whereupon *Ralph Stratford*, Bishop of *London*, in the year 1348, bought a piece of ground, called *No mans land*, which he inclosed with a wall of Bricke, and dedicated for buriall of the dead, builded thereupon a proper Chapell, which is now enlarged, and made a dwelling-house: and this burying plot is become a faire Garden, retaining the old name of *Pardon Church-yard*.'—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 477 *b*.

[1] See p. 31 abuv, note 1. [2] St. Mary Ottery. [3] In Upper Thames St.

yn London), where y am parisshen), x li; And to the Personne of the same chirch̄, for myn oblacions forgeteñ, x li. Item I gif vnto the warkes of saint Nicholas Coldabbey in London),[1] x marc. Item I beqweth̄ moneye for M^l^M^l^ masses[2] to be saide after my decesse, þat is to sey, to euery preest saynge for me þe dirige & a messe of Requiem, iiij d. Item I wol that the house of Freres prechours in London) haue euery yere durynge the terme of .v yere, xx s' to sey be note the dirige & messe of Requiem and[3] my mynd day. And yn the same wise the saide som yerly vnto the white Freres, greye freres, & Austins,[4] performynge the Dirige & messe a-foresaid. Item I gif to euery Prisoner beynge in Ludegate & Newegate iiij d; Item to the Abbottes prison) of Westmynstre xx s'; Item to the Prisoners of the Flete, xx s'; Item to the Prisoners of the Marchalse, xx s'.; Item to the Prisoners of the Kynggis bench̄ xx s'; Item to the seke peple beynge yn the spiteH houses of saint Thomas, saint Mary, & saint Bartilmeux of London), iij li. Item to the howses of lazare next aboute [5]London̄, iij li. Item I woH þat Dame Cicile Gifford, Prioresse of Chesthunt,[6] haue xl s'; and that euery nonne of the same house haue vj s' viij d, sayenge for me a dirige and a messe of Requyem by note. Item I woH þat sir Iohn Gifford, Chanon) of þe Abbey of Waltham,[7] haue xl s', & that euery Chanon) of the same house haue xx d, sayenge for me a dirige and a messe of Requiem by note. Item I woH þat my doughter Anneys Whitynghạm haue C li and a stondynge cuppe gilt, shapp of a columbyn.[8]/ And also

[1] 'Situate on the S. side of *Old fish str.* in the Ward of *Queenhithe*, within the Walls of *London*. . . . Mr. *Stow* says the word *Coleabbey* (which was added to distinguish this from other Churches of St. *Nicholas*) is corruptly so called, being more properly *Cold bay* (as a place exposed to the Weather), as *Cold Harbour*,' &c.—1708. E. Hatton, *New View of London*, ii. 440. 'It hath been called of many *Colden Abbey*, of some *Cold Abbey*, or *Cold Bey*, and so have the most ancient writings, as standing in a cold place, as *Cold Harbor*, and such like.' —Stow, p. 398.

[2] Can this mean 2000, and not 1,000,000?

[3] ? 'and' for 'on

[4] See note 1, p. 16 abuv.

[5] leaf 162 back.

[6] Cheshunt 'occupies the S.E. angle of Herts,' and is 13 miles N. of London. Good fishing in the Reservoir there, says my boy.

[7] In Essex, 12 miles N. by E. of London. The 2nd Abbey was founded by Harold before 1060.

[8] The beautiful bell-like flower of *Aquilegia vulgaris*. Lin.

þat euery child of hires lyvynge at the day of my decesse, haue xx li. to there mariage. Item I wol þat my brother Cristofre Bokeland haue xx li, And his sone Thomas x li. And to his other sone & a doughter, yf they lyve, eche of hem .v marces. Item that Iohn Yngram haue x marces; Item to William Cicil x marces; Item to Iohn Wantoñ x marc; Item to Iohn Coggeshale x li. Item I gif to maister Thomas Asshwell xx s'. Item to Frere Wynchelsee xx s', Item to Frere Russell of the Austins, xx s'. Item I wol to euery couple of man & wyf dwellyng at Ochecote, haue ij s', and to euery single man & child withyn the same parissh of Ochecote xij d. And to the Personne of the same parish holdynge myn obbite durynge iij yere, Euery yere vj s', viij d. Item I gif to Thomas Yonge x li, Item to Richard Clarell x li, Item to Iohn Forest x marces, Item to Iacobo my seruaunt x marces, Item to Thomas Crouche v li, Item to Iohn Cooke v marces, Item to William Pascall xx s', Item to Iohn of the Stable xiij s, iiij d, Item to William of the Kechyn vj s', viij d, Item to Margaret of Ware xl s', Item to sir Robert Carltoñ v marces, Item to Master Iohn Trotter v marces, Item to sir Richard my preest v marces. Item I wolle that the prioresse & the house of Chesthunt haue freely theire Weddys ayen withouten any mony payenge. And to the performynge of this my last will and entent, I make myne executours,[1] Iohan my wyf, sir Iohn Tirell knyght, Maister Richard Cawdray, clerc, Richard Quatermains, Iohn Melbourne, Thomas Rothewell, Iohn Kempley, Thomas Pounde & Iohn Coggeshale. And I will that eche of my said Executours haue x li; so that they be helpynge & assistynge vn-to my wyff for the execucion of this my last wille / And the Remenaunt of all my godis, meuable and vnmeuable, I gif to the said sir Iohn Tirell, maister Richard Caudray, Richard Quatermains, Iohn Melbourne, Thomas Rothewell, Thomas Pound & Iohn Coggeshale. And y pray & Require all you myn executours aforsaid, which I haue chosen, for true and parfayte Love, that ye fulfill all my will & entent aboue writen, truly & kyndely, for the loue of god, and as my trust is yn yow / All-so y wol that Thomas Rothewell haue myn Prymour & myn purple goune furred with martrons.[2] All-so I wol that Iohn Melbourne haue my scarlet goune

[1] 'Nomina executorum' in margin.

[2] See p. 36 abuv, note 6.

furred with martrouns. Alſo y wol that my lord Cromwell haue a pere of boteſ of siluer & gilt / In witnesse of all wich þinges, I haue put herto my seal the day and yere aforesaid, beynge present in ferther wittenes, maister william Lychfeld, persone of Alhalowen the more, sir Iohn Ioye, preest of the same chirch, Iohn Yngram, Thomas Yonge, and other.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne Lyndefeld, Commissario &c, xv^to^ die mensis Octobris, Anno domini Millesimo cccc^mo^ xxxvj^to^. Et commissa fuit administracio Iohanne, relicte dicti defuncti, & discretis viris Thome Rotheweſ, Thome Pound, & Iohanni Coggeshale, executoribus &c, Reseruata potestate &c. acquietati sunt.

RICHARD DIXTON, ESQ., OF SISCETRE,[1] GLOSTERSHIRE, 1438.

[To be buried at Cirencester. Bequests of Vestments to Trinity Chapel there, and its Priests; also to the Convent at Usk, the Friars of Gloster and Hereford, the Abbots of Tewkesbury, Evesham, Malmesbury, &c. Gifts of best Horse, Armour, coverd silver Cups, Gold Chain and Bracelet, Money, blue Cloth, furd Gowns, silver Arse-girdle, household Stuff, Horses, Clothing and Bedding, &c.]

(Luffenam, lf. 191 back.)

Dyxton. [*In margin.*]

In the name of oure Lord Ihesu, Amen! The Viij day of August, the yere of the regne of our soueraigne lord kyng Harry the sixte after the conquest, the xvj^e^. [1438.] I Richard Dixton, squyer, hauyng gode and resonable witte & discrecion, make, ordeyne, and dispose my last testament in this maner: Furst, I bequeth my sowle vnto god almyghty, vnto the Blessyd Virgine his moder sainte Marie,

[1] Cirencester: it used always to be pronounst 'Ciseter' till the name was printed in Railway Time-tables, and the Ry. Porters had to speak the name as it was spelt, to enable strangers to identify the place. It's 88 miles W. by N. from London.

& to all the compaigne of heuene, & my body to be buryed within the new Chapell of the Trinite at Siscetre. Item I bequeth to the saide chapell of Siscetre a cloth of Siluer, and a blak cloth of Damask [1] sengill, & a gowne of Goldsmythes werk', for to make vestimentes & a C gertiers. Item I bequeth vnto iij prestes for to synge and pray for me duryng' the space of a yere yn the saide chirch of Siscetre, xx li. Item I be-quethe vnto the Prioresse & Couent of the House of Vsk,[2] for to pray for me, x markes. Item I be-queth vnto prestes and clerkes for to doo my seruice & exquies, & for almes for poure men), xx li. Item I bequeth vnto the frere prechours of Gloucestre, for to fynde iij prestes of the same house duryng' a yere for to synge for my moder & for me, xx li. Item I bequeth to the Grey Freres of Hereford for to doo semblably for my moder and for me, xx li. Item I bequeth vnto Maistre Thomas Radnore, x markes. Item I bequeth to the Abbot of Teukysbury [3] an couered cuppe gilt. Item to the Priour and Couent of the same house, xx li. Item to the Abbot of Siscetre a couered cuppe of siluer gilt. Item to the Priour and Conuent of the same hous, xx li. Item to the Abbot of Euesham [4] a couuered cuppe of siluer gilt. Item to the Couent of the same hous, xx li. Item to the Priour of Brade-stoke [5] a couuered cuppe of siluer gilt. Item to the Conuent of the same hous, xx li. Item to the Abbot of Malmesbury [6] a couered cuppe of siluer gilt. Item to the Couent of the same hous, xx li. Item I bequeth for my mynde day, xx li. Item I bequeth to my Lord of York' iij of my best hors, to be chosen either at Vsk' or at Wotton),[7] & all my armeure. Item I

[1] leaf 192.

[2] Usk, in the co. of Monmouth, 13 miles S.W. from Monmouth, and 144 (W. by N.) from London.—Lewis.

[3] Tewkesbury, in Glo'stershire, 10 miles N.N.E. from Gloster, and 103 W.N.W. from London.

[4] Evesham, in Worcestershire, 13 miles N.E. from Tewkesbury, and 96 N.W. by N. from London. Evves, a swineherd in the service of Egwin, third bishop of Huicca, is said to have seen the Virgin Mary on the spot where the Abbey was built 702—709.—Lewis.

[5] This priory stood in the Deanery of Malmesbury, co. Wilts. See Bacon's *Liber. Regis.*

[6] Malmesbury, in Wiltshire, 42 miles N. from Salisbury, and 94 W. from London.

[7] Wotton under Edge (or under Ridge: is situated beneath a range of well-wooded hills) is in Glostershire, 19 miles S.S.W. from Gloster, and 108 W. by N. from London.—Lewis.

bequeth to Iane Barre a cuppe of siluer couuered. Item to Elizabeth Mortymer' a cuppe of siluer couuered. Item to dame Anneys Leuch a cuppe of siluer couuered. Item to Elizabeth Bowers a cuppe of siluer couuered. Item to Agas Flegge a cuppe of siluer couuered. Item to Robert Greyndoor, squyer, my Serpe[1] of siluer and my cheyne of goold. Item to Iane Greyndoor' his wyf, a couered cuppe of siluer, the wich I was wont to drynk of, and a Bracelet of Gold. Item to the new chapell at Siscetre xx li. Item I bequeth vnto the Abbot of Lanternam & his monkes, x markes. Item to the Priour of Golcleve[2] & his monkes, xx markes. Item to euerych of my lordes iij chapeleyns xx s'. Item to sir Iohn' Trebell my confessour, xx markes, to synge for me ij yere in an honest place, where so euer he woll, and iiij yerdes of blew cloth. Item to the yemen' of my lordys chambre, xx li. Item to the officers of my said lord' hall, pantrie, Seler, Boterie & Kechyn', xx li. Item to maistre Robert Beaumont a cuppe couuered, chased with Rosys, beynge at the Fasterne.[3] Item to my saide lord' seruantes of his stable, x mark'. Item to A Ientill woman' called Ionet Hawys, xx li. Item to William Reuell a gowne of Blake, furred with ficheux[4] beyng' at the Fasterne, & xl s'. Item to Iohn' Mody a gowne of grene Damaske lyned, & a nother gowne of Russet furred with blak, & xl s'. Item to ij prestes for to synge & pray for me yn the chirch of Wotton' durynge a yere, xx markes. Item to the werk of the saide chirch of Wotton', x mark'. Item to the chirch of Lydyerd'[5] x mark'. Item to Edmond of Cornewayle an ersgerdyll[6] of siluer. Item to Iohn Russell, squyer, a gowne of Rede Damaske furred with martrens, &

[1] ? Fr. '*Serpe, Serpentine*, Serpent, couleuvre; d'où *serpentelle* petit serpent.'—Roquefort. Hippeau also gives '*Serpe*, serpent.'

[2] ? Goldcliff, a parish in Monmouthshire, 4½ miles S.E. from Newport. A prior and 12 black monks were placed here from the abbey of Bec in Normandy, to which the Church was given, at Henry I's desire, by Robert de Chandos, who founded and endowd it in 1113. 'In 1442, after the suppression of Alien priories, it was made a cell to the abbey of Tewkesbury, and at the Dissolution possessed a revenue of £144 8*s*. 1*d*.'—Lewis. Lanternam, co. Monmouth.

[3] ? One of Testator's houses, or my Lord of York's.

[4] See p. 34 abuv, note 3.

[5] ? Lidiard Millicent, or Lidiard Tregose, near Swindon, Wilts.

[6] Compare Fr. '*Ceincture à crouppière*. A belt, arming girdle, or sword girdle of the old fashion.'—1611. Cotgrave.

a cuppe of siluer couuered. Item to Thomas Barnaby a cuppe of siluer couuered. Item to my seruant Iohn Buelt, vj markes, & I gowne of Russet medley furred with blak. Item to my wyf, all my stuff' beyng' at the Fasterne, except a sangwen gowne furred with martres, and the thyngys abovem rehersed. Item my full wyll & entent is, that the saide Iohn Russell haue & reioyce[1] for euer more all the lyuelode that meueth of his moder after her' deces. Item all myn owne lyuelode to remeyne to my next heires. Item I woll that Edward Blundell, squyer, of Worcestreshire, haue .L. mark, & vj cuppes of syluer, euery cuppe weynge a mark & a half of Troye, for to dispose the same gode for his sone Richard Blundell, of whos sowle god haue mercy. Item to Thomas Cleuche[2] xl s'. Item to Richard of the Warderobe, xl s'. Item to Iohn of Pantrye vj mark'. Item to William Wastell xl. s'. Item to William Estynton vj mark'. Item to Watkyn Hardyng' vj mark. Item to Hewe Dawesy vj mark'. Item to Harry Meyre vj mark'. Item to Ibex, C s'. Item to Iohn Hewys xl s'. Item to Iohn Danyell xl s'. & a litill bay hors. Item to Edward xl s'. Item to Iohn of Nokys xl s'. Item to Water Parker' xl s. Item to Litell Pers xl s'. Item to Elizabeth Belliers a scarlet gowne furred with foynes.[3] Item to Richard of the warderobe, the fourthe best hors that I have. Item to the saide Watkyn Hardyng' a gowne of scarlet with slyt slyues y-furred, and my cuttyd[4] hors. Item to the saide William Estyntoñ a scarlet gowne & a hors. Item, all my clothynge & werynge harneys and beddynge at Vsk, I woll that the saide Watkyn and William departe by-twene hem & here felawes, as they seme that goode ys, & that they delyuery to Hew Dausey an hoby & a gowne of grene damaske, and to euery of myn other men an hors, whiles ther ben eny. Item y woll that my howke[5] of siluer[6] be sold, and do for my sowle. Item to Iohn Clerk, & Iohn Cook, seruent to the saide Robert Greyndoor', xiij s' iiij d. And that this my last wyll & testament be fullfilled & acomplesshid of all my goodys & catelles

[1] enjoy. [2] ? Clenche.

[3] '*Fouinne:* f. The Foyne, wood-Martin, or Beech-Martin.'—Cotgrave. '*Marte:* f. The beast called a Martin. *Martes sabellines* . . . Sables.'—*ib.* See p. 36 abuv, note 6.

[4] gelded. [5] ? hooke, huke, *hamus.* Pr. and Cath. [6] leaf 192, back.

not bequethyn ne specefied, I make & ordeyne Gyles of Brugge,[1] squyer, *sir* Wat*er* Bagge, p*er*son of Brynkeworth,[2] Richard Warneford and William Prelett of Siscetre, my trew and lawfull executo*urs*; and to eu*er*y of hem for her labour x mark, to ordeyne and dispose for my sowle yn the best wyse that hem semeth to be doon / as they woll answere be-fore god. In witnesse of wich thyng, to this my p*re*sent testament I haue put to me seale.

Probatu*m* fuit istud test*amentum* coram Mag*istro* Iohanne Lyndefeld, xxj° die mens*is* Octobris, Anno d*omi*ni Mille*s*imo cccc^mo^ xxxviij°. Et co*m*missa fuit admin*istracio* Wille*l*mo Prelet, executori, &c; Reseruata &c; ac vicesimo Nouembr*is* tunc p*roximo* sequenti acquietatus [fuit].

NICHOLAS CHARLETON, OF LONDON, SKINNER, 1439.

[To be buried before St. Paul's Cross. Gifts to St. Paul's and St. Augustine's churches, and to 3 Orders of Friars, for 3 Trentals of Masses. 1000 hapeny Loaves for poor men. Money to Brotherhoods of Corpus Christi and Mary in the Skinners' craft. Wax for lights in St. Austin's Lady-chapel. 20*s.* each to Apprentices and Servant. Gowns of Skinners' craft to friends. 3*s.* 4*d.* each to Brotherhoods of St. Nicholas of Parish-clerks, and St. John of the Tailors. Residue: two-thirds to Wife; one-third for Testator's Soul.]

(Luffenam, lf. 202 back.)

Carleton.

In the name of god, Amen! the xviij day of the monthe of May, In the yere of oure lord Ihesu a M^l^ cccc xxxix, and yn the xvij yere of the Regne of kyng Henre the sext, I, Nicholas Charleton, Citezein & Skynner of London, yn hole & good mynde beyng, thonked be all myghty god, ordeyne And make my testament

[1] Giles Brugge, alias Bruges (*i. e.* Brydges), of Coberley, now Cubberley, Gloucestershire, 4 miles from Cheltenham, afterwards knighted.—H. Round.

[2] Brinkworth, a parish in the hundred of Malmesbury, county of Wilts, 4¼ miles (W.N.W.) from Wootton-Basset.—Lewis.

of my last wyll in this forme that folowetħ. First I be-queth my soule to all-myghtty god, my maker, our lady seynt Mary, and to all seintes of heven, and my body to be buryed in Powles grete chirchehawe of london be-fore the crosse.[1] And I bequeth to the new 4
werk of the same chirch, xx d./ And to the high auter of seynt Austyns chirch[2] ther y am paresshen, for my tithes and offryng' necligently for-yeten, vj s' viij d. And I will and ordeny, that yn all hast possible after my decesse, that I haue iij Trentales of masses 8
songen[3] for my sowle in thre howses of Freres of London, that is to sey, the prechours, white ffreres, and grey ffreres[4] / and I be-queth perfore to eche hous of thre, xl d. And I be-queth a M[l] of halpeny lovys to be yove to pore men be my executours withynne xij monthe 12
after my decesse, þat is to sey, to euery pore man that cometh, a loof / All-so I be-queth to the brederhede of my craft of Corpus *Christi*, to the comune Box þer-of, vj s, viij d, And to þe Comune box of the brederhede of oure lady yn my crafte, vj s'. viij d. All-so I 16
be-queth to euery prisoner yn the prison of Ludgate, And ech of the ij Countours of London),[5] a loof of a *pownde*,[6] to be delyd when corn is of resonable price withyn a yere after my decesse. All-so I devyse

[1] It stood on the North side.

[2] On the N. side of *Watlin str.*, and the E. side of *Old Change*, in the Ward of *Farrendon* within, *i. e.* within the Walls of *London*, near St. *Paul's* Cathedral. II. The Denomination was given to this Church, in Memory of St. *Austin* (not the Father who was Bishop of *Hippo* in *Africa*, but as is most probable) the *Monk*, who was called by some *the English Apostle;* being by *Gregory*, Bishop of *Rome*, about the year 596, sent with *Miletus* and 40 more to *England* to convert the *Pagan Saxons* to Christianity.—1708. Hatton, *New View of London*, i. 136, *a*. Church burnt in the Great Fire, 1666, rebuilt by Wren. [3] ? MS. singen. [4] See abuv, p. 16, note 1.

[5] *Counters*, are 2 Prisons for the use of the City, viz. the Mayor and Sheriffs Courts [namely, 1.] *Poultry Counter*. A Prison situate in the *Poultry*, *London*, where not only Debtors upon Actions in the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs Courts, but such as disturb the Peace of the City in the Night, are committed. It hath been a Prison for some hundreds of Years past, and might possibly be called *Counter*, because those there detained were obliged to account for the Cause of their Commitment before they were set at liberty. [2. *Bread St.*, later] Wood-street Counter. A Prison . . . for Debtors and Night-ramblers that disturb the Peace. This Prison was in *Bread-str.* till removed hither in the Year 1555, by virtue of an Act of Common-Council held the 19th of *September*, 3 and 4 of *Phil.* and *Mary*.—Hatton (A.D. 1708), *New View of London*, ii. 744, 759, 783.

[6] MS. 'bb' with a line thru, like ll.

& ordeyne a C ℔b wex to mynystere and to seruue to the vse of the Salue[1] of oure lady chapell yn the said chirch̄ of seynt Austyns, that is to sey, ij Tapers to stonde on the Auter of our lady, eche of the ij taperys of a pownde weygh̄t / þer to be lighte and brenne at Salue[1] tyme as longe as the saide C ℔b weigh̄t of wex will dure / And I wyll that Thomas Gloucestre my brother, that is myn executour, and the wardeyns of Seynt Austyns chirch̄ a-fore-saide sussessiffly beyng', haue the gouernance of the saide wex and ligh̄t in maner a-boue writen / Also I be-queth̄ to eche of myn apprentice dwellyng' & stondyng' with̄ me yn maner of a-prentys at tyme of my diyng' xx s'. Also I be-queth to Thomas Bayle, my seruant xx s' / Also I be-queth̄ to Thomas Dymmok', Skynner, of Glowcestre, my best gowne of the lyuere of Skynners craft, both̄ furre and cloth, yif he be alyve; And to Watkyn Assh̄well my secunde best furre and gowne / Also I wyll that Nicholas Wylde be holpen and relyved of my gode, after the avyse of Thomas Glowcestre my brother / And yf hit so be that eny [2]of the saide personys that I haue made be-quest to, dye a-fore my decesse / than I will that the same goodys of hym or theym that so deyth̄, be distribuyd in to iij partyes by myn executours, that is to sey, oo parte to the almesse of the bretherhedes of Corpus *Christi*, and oure Lady, of my craft; the secunde part to the Wardeyns of Seynt Austyns chirch̄, to the vse of the same chirch̄ / And the thirde parte to be demenyd and yoven by Thomas Gloucestre, my brother and my Executour, to pore peple of the paressh̄ of Seynt Austyns a-boueseid, and oþer paresshe, there as nede is / Also I be-queth̄ to the brederhede of seynt Nicholas founded by paressh̄ clerkes in London, iij s' iiij d / Also to the bretherhede of seynt Iohn of the Craft of Taillour[s] of London, iij s

[1] *Salve Maria.* For a history and examples of this devotion, see 'Our Lady's Dowry,' by Rev. T. E. Bridgett, pp. 168—170, 173, 174 (1st edit. 1875). (There is an interesting example of a promise of choir boys singing the *Salve* in Louth's 'Life of William of Wickham,' Appendix, xvi.) See also, for further information about the devotion, in '*Pietas Mariana Britannica*,' by Edmund Waterton, F.S.A. 1879. Part I. pp. 139—141; Part II. pp. 76, 87, 88. Dr. Rock, in his 'Church of our Fathers,' also speaks of this devotion; see Vol. II. pp. 442, 443; Vol. III. pp. 275—279. The example given on pp. 442, 443, Vol. II., is also quoted in 'Our Lady's Dowry.'—M. L. See *Notes* below.

[2] leaf 203.

iiij ^{d} // And the residue of aH my other goodes, catalles and dett*es*, that be not be-qwethen) above / after þ*at* my dett*es* be paide, my byryng^{e} aH-so, & expens*es* fun*er*alx done, and this testament fulfilled^{e} / I be-queth and wiH þat hit be devyded^{e} be myn executo*urs* yn-to iij p*ar*ties, wherof ij p*ar*ties I be-queth to Iohan) my wyff, to haue and to hold^{e} to her^{e} for eu*er*more, in the name of her part and dowyer of my godes to her yn eny wyse be-langgyng^{e} / And the third p*ar*ty of the same residue, I bequeth to myn executo*urs*, be theym to be disposyd^{e} in masses, almes, and werkys of charite for my sowle and aH tru cristyn sowlys, as they hope best pleyse god with. And of þis testament I make myn executo*urs*, þ*at* is to sey, Thomas Gloucestr*e*, Clerk, my brother, Will*ia*m Allard^{e} and Thomas Aston), Citezeins and Skynners of London / And y be-queth to eche of my seide executo*urs* for his labor^{e} in this p*ar*ty to be had^{e}, C s'. In-to the witnessyng^{e} of wiche thyng^{e}, to this testament I haue set my sele. Writen) at London) the day and 3er*e* a-boueseyde / AH-so, ou*er* the p*re*misses, I, the saide *N*icholas Charleton), ordeyne, assigne, and be-queth be this testament, to þe saide Iohn) my wyf, the t*er*mys and state comyng^{e} of & in aH the ten*ement* w*ith* thapp*ur*ten[au]nt3 that I dweH ynne in Watlyngstrete yn the saide p*ar*essh of seint Austyn), the wich I hold^{e} to ferme[1] of the mayst*er* and couent of seynt Bartholomews spiteH be-side West Smythfeld^{e} of London), to haue and to hold^{e} to þe saide Iohn) the seide t*er*mes, state, and ten*ement* with thapp*ur*ten*aunt*3, duryng^{e} her lyf, oonly yf the t*er*mes þ*er*-of last so longe, She beryng^{e}, yeldyng^{e}, payng^{e} and supportyng^{e} þ*er*of þe ferme yerely, and o*þer* charges duryng^{e} her^{e} lyf, as I am bound to do be wrytyng^{e} to þ^{e} said mais*ter* and Covent/.

Probatum fuit istud testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne Lyndefeld^{e} / Commissar*io* &c^{i}, tercio die mens*is* Iulij, Anno d*omi*ni Mille*s*imo cccc^{mo} tricesimonono. Et co*m*missa fuit admi*ni*stra*cio* bonor*um* hui*usmodi* &c c^{i} executoribus in eod*em* testamento nomi*nat*is, et h*ab*ent [&c].

[1] On lease.

COUNTESS OF WARWICK, 1439.[1]

[To be buried in Tewkesbury Abbey, to which, Testatrix gives her head-jewels. Her Statue to be made naked, with Mary Magdalen, St. John, and St. Anthony near, and poor Men and Women about her Tomb. Gifts to the shrines of Tewkesbury, Caversham, Walsingham, Wo'ster, &c. Other Jewels to be sold for the purposes of the Will. Gifts of Brooches and Money to legatees. Tewkesbury to be endowd with 100 marks. Reparation to be made for Testatrix's wrong-doing, if any.]

(Luffenam, lf. 212, back.)

[2]Comitissa Warr.[2] Non acquiet[ati].

In dei Nomine, Amen. This is the testament and last wyll of Dame Isabell, Countesse of Warrewyk',[3] made at London the furst day Decembr, the yere of oure lord M' CCCC xxxix. Furst I bequeth my sowle to · all-myghty god, and my body to be beryed In the Abbey of Tewkesbery, yn such place as I haue assyngned.[4] And that my grete templys[5] with the Baleys[6] be sold to the vtmest pryse, and delyuer*yd* to the sayde Abbat and the howse of Tewkesbery, so they groche noȝt *with* my lyenge, and with suche thyng' as y woll haue done a-bowt my body. And my Image to be made all naked, and no thyng' on my hede but myn here cast bakwardys, and of the gretnes

[1] This will is abstracted in *Testamenta Vetusta*, 1826, i. 239.

[2—2] In a later hand.

[3] Isabel, daughter of Thomas Despencer, 2nd Baron Despencer (Earl of Gloucester, 1397, beheaded at Bristol by the rabble, 1400), by a grand-daughter of Edward III. Heiress to her brother Richard 1414. Married (1) Richard de Beauchamp, Lord Abergavenny (Earl of Worcester, 1420), and (2) his cousin Richard de Beauchamp, 5th Earl of Warwick (Earl of Albemarle, 1417), Lt.-Genl. of France and Normandy 1435 (d. 30 Ap. 1439. See, for a note of his will, p. 134). She was mother of Henry, Duke of Warwick (1444) and King of the Isle of Wight, and mother-in-law of Warwick the King-maker.—J. H. Round.

[4] Her husband was buried in St. Mary's, Warwick, where his magnificent monument is still to be seen.—J. H. Round.

[5] Fr. *Templettes:* f. Fillets, or head-bands for women ; also, Jewells hanging vpon their forheads by bodkins thrust into their haire.—1611. Cotgrave.

[6] Pale or peach colourd rubies.—Dugdale. A Balass Ruby is a term derived from the French "*un rubis balais*," i. e. *couleur de vin paillet* (light red wine). *Balais* is now used as an adjective, but was, in the 15th century, a substantive. See P. de Commines' account of the rout of Morat (1476): "Ils gagnèrent trois *balais* pareils, appelés les trois frères ; un autre grand *balai* appelé la hotte ; un autre, appelé la balle de Flandres," &c., &c.—J. H. Round.

and of the fascyon lyke the mesure that Thomas Porchalyn hath yn
a lyst, and at my hede Mary Mawdelen leyng my handes a-crosse,
And seynt Iohn the Evangelyst on the ryght syde of my hede; and
on the left syde, Seynt Anton, and at my fete a Skochen of myn 4
Armes departyd[1] with my lordys, and ij Greffons to bere hit vppe;[2]
And all a-bowt my tumbe, to be made pore men a[n]d wemen In
theire pore Array, with their bedys In theire handes. All so I woll
ther be made of my grete sharpe,[3] A Chaleys, and offryd to our Lady 8
In our lady Chapell of the Howse of Tewkesbery. All-so I woll oure
lady of Cauersham[4] haue a crowne of gold I-made of my cheyne that
weyth xxv li, with-yn my panyer, and with other broken gold that is
ther In, and ij tabelettes, the tone of seynte Katryne, And the tother 12
of seynt George; And the stonys that bene In hem, to be sett yn the
saide Crowne. All so I woll the tabelet with the Image of oure lady
with a glasse to-fore hit, be offred to our lady of Walsyngham,[5] and

[1] impaled.—J. H. Round.

[2] Supporters were then coming into fashion, but were not yet strictly hereditary, being often, as in this case, selected by individuals. The Griffin was a monster in much favour. Simon Segar says of it, "This beast, havinge attayned unto his full strength & growth, somuch disdaineth vassalrey and subjection, That hee will never be surprised alive, Thereby lively sheweinge forth his magnanimous twofold kingely spirit, as well of ye Lion as of ye Eagle."—J. H. Round.

[3] Sharpe. Halliwell—Glossary: *Sharp* (5)—guesses it as 'a sword'! A nice article for Lady Warwick to wear, and order to be turnd into a Chalice! It must be a gold or silver baldrick, girdle, or collar. Fr. '*Escharpe:* f. A Scarfe; a Baudricke.'—Cotgrave.

[4] Caversham (pronounst *Cawsham*) in the co. of Oxford, 7¼ m. S.W. by S. from Henley upon Thames, and 1½ m. N. from Reading, in the County of Berks. 'The Church here was Part of the first Endowment of the abbey of Notteley in Buckinghamshire, A.D. 1162, and afterward the Manor and a good Estate coming to them, here seems to have been a Cell to that Monastery, which was enriched by the Offerings made in the Chapel of Our Lady here, wherein (saith Dr. London, one of the Visitors, *temp. Hen. VIII*) was a famous Relic shown by one of the Canons, viz. the Angel with one Wing, which brought to Caversham the Spear Head that pierced Our Saviour on the Cross.'—Tanner's *Not. Mon.* in Carlisle's *Topogr. Dict.* That 'one Wing' is hardly beaten by any modern advertisement. It would be workt from side to side like a scull in the stern of a skiff, I suppoze.

[5] Little or New Walsingham, in Norfolk. 'The famous Chapel here, dedicated to the Annunciation of our Lady, was built A.D. 1061, by the Widow of Richoldis de Favarches, in Imitation of that at Nazareth, and therein was placed a Prior and Convent of Black Canons by her son Geffrey, *temp. Will. Conq.* . . . Robert Pigot of Little Walsingham, by his Will dated A.D. 1492, gave an House

my gowne of grene Alyr'[1] cloth of gold' *with* wyde sleves, And a tabernacle aH-so of syluer, lyke as the tymbur is In man*er* ou*er* oure lady of Cau*er*sham / AH-so I woH the grete Image of wex that is at London) be offred to our' lady of Worcestre. and my weddynggowñ And aH my clothis of gold', and clothis of silke, *with*-oute ffurrere*ur*, eu*er*ychon, I woH the howse of Tewkesbery haue hem, saue my Russet vellewet, I woH Seynt Wynfryde haue. AH-so I woH that aH my stonys and p*er*les be sold' to parforme my wyH, And' aH myn) other syluer vesseH and godys, saue [2]that is p*r*ofitable for pore folkes. AH-so I woH that eu*er*y man) and p*er*son) that hath estate In eny land' by wey of graunt or feeffement to myn) vse, or In my name, make an estate [3]of aH hit, or Relese aH hit, to suche p*er*sonys that I woH and ordeyn*e* to haue the execucion), & ben the executours, of this my last wiH and testement' / AH-so I woH that Iane Newmarch haue CC mark' in gold', And I to bere aH Costes as for her' bryngynge yn-to seynt Katrens, or where-eu*er* she woH be elles. And aH-so I woH my sone Harry haue myn oyche[4] with my grete diamond', and my Noych[5] with my Baleys. Item I woH Elysabeth Keston) haue xx iiij [= 80] marke paid to Norman Waschebo*ur*ne for her' mariage. And yef he gruche therwith, the mat*er* so to be laboryd / and sewyd / that he be constrayned' ther to do hit / AH-so I woH the saide Elizabeth haue, for the labo*ur* sche hath had' a-bowot me yn my Sekenysse; xx marke*s*. AH-so I woH Margaret Morgan) haue C markes. AH-so I woH that the maister of devenyte haue xx li for hym self', & to dispose wher' hym lyst. AH-so I woH Colyer haue C li. Item I woH Halfhide haue C li. AH-so I woH Basset haue C mark'. AH-so I woH Wiltshire haue C mark'. AH-so I woH Colyn) of my Chambre haue xx li.

in or near this Town, for the Use of two leprous Persons of good Families. And from that Time the Hospital or Lazar House of Walsingham is often mentioned in the old Will Books.—Here was an House of Franciscan or Grey Friars, founded about the year 1346, by Elizabeth de Burgo, Countess of Clare, the Foundress of Clare Hall, Cambridge.'—Tanner's *Not. Mon.* in Carlisle's *Top. Dict.*

[1] ? Alyre. [2] ? MS. what. [3] leaf 213.

[4] 'an Ovche ; *limula, limule, monile.*'—Catholicon. See Mr. Herrtage's note, p. 262-3: 'a carcanet, or *ouche* to hang about a gentlewoman's neck, *segmentum.*'—Baret. Fr. *ouche*, '*oche*, coche, entaille ; *ocher*, cocher, faire des entailles.'—Hippeau. '*Oche:* f. A nicke, nocke, or notch.'—Cotgrave.

[5] See Way's long note on 'Nowche, *Monile,*' in the *Promptorium*, p. 359: 'Nouche, or broche, *afficquet.*'—Palsgrave.

Alſo I woll ther be fownde a prest syngyng for me vij ȝere at Mary Maudelene of the holt. Alſo I woll ther be delyuer*y*d to the Bishope of Herford C mark*es*, & more and hit nede be, to parforme suche thynges as I haue prayed hym to do for me. Alſo I woll that myn executo*ur*s enmortese[1] vnto the howse of Tewkesbery C mark, or xl li of gode lyvelode, to fynde *cer*tayne prest*es* *ser*tayne almes and *ser*tayne obs*er*vaunce that I woll haue done for me In the saide howse / Alſo I woll that they that haue, or schull haue, estate in my land to the execuc*i*on of this my last will, Restor*e* and make dew assithe[2] for all man*er* land that is holden by me or yn my name wrongfully, yef eny be, (whech god for-bede and defende;) And all-so that the[y] repar*e* all man*er* extorcion by me doon, yef eny be / And all-so that my dett*es* be furst paide of eny thyng, and that my ser*u*ant*es* that haue no fee of me, t*er*me of lyf, be rewarded aft*er* the discrecion of the executo*ur*s of this my last will. And all the gode and money that is dewe to me at this tyme, I woll be delyuer*y*d to myn*e* executo*ur*s to parforme my will. Alſo I woll, ordeyne, assigne and name, to p*ar*forme and fullyche to execute and to done this my p*re*sent will, and all that is conteyned ther-yn, s*ir* William Mountfort, Iohn Nansan, Iohn Norreys, and William Menston; And I require hem all, and euerych*e* of hem, that they do trwly and feithfully theyr*e* part and dever [? MS.] to execute and p*ar*forme this my last will, as they all and euerych of hem woll Answere a-fore god at the day of dome. In witnessyng and verrey a-pref[3] wherof, my last will by me examyned and closid at London the furst day of Decembr*e*, the xviij yer*e* Rengnyng of our soue*re*yn lord Kyng Harry the vjth, I haue put the seall of my Armes.

Probatum fuit istud test*amentum* coram mag*ist*ro Ioh*ann*e Lynde-feld, Com*m*issar*io* &c, quarto die mens*is* Februarij, Anno d*omi*ni Mille*s*imo CCCC xxxix°, Et com*m*issa fuit admin*ist*rac*io* &c domino Wille*l*mo Mountfort militi, & Wille*l*mo Menston &c, Reser*u*ata post*es*tate &c; & hab*e*nt xiij^{m} diem mens*is* Maij prox*imum* futur*um*. Inuentar*ium* exhibitur coram Reuer*endissi*mo in *christo* pred*icto*, &c.

[1] Fr. *amortir* . . to graunt, alien or passe away, in Mortmaine.—1611. Cotgrave. Lat. '*Admortizatio*, Prædiorum translatio in manum mortuam, seu prædiorum acquisitio facta a monasteriis et collegiis religiosis, vel etiam laicis.'—D'Arnis. [2] Satisfaction, reparation. [3] Aprooval, confirmation.

SIR RALPH ROCHEFORT, 1439.

[*Personalty.* Best Horse as a Burial-fee. 20*s.* each to Lincoln Cathedral, and St. Giles's, Cripplegate. Gold sapphire Ring to the Bishop of Lincoln. Vulture's-egg cup to Lord Cromwell. Money to a Convent and 2 Churches. Residue to Executors, for Testator's Soul. (*Will of Realty*, p. 121.)]

(Luffenam, lf. 215, bk.)

[*Latin Testament of some Personalty.*]

In dei Nomine Amen. Vicesimo sexto die mens*is* Marcij, Anno domini Mille*s*imo CCCC^mo^ tricesimonono, Et Anno regni Reg*is* Henrici sexti post conq*uestu*m Anglie decimo septimo, Ego, Radulphus Rochefort, Miles, in bona et sana memoria existens, condo, facio, ordino & constituo p*re*sens test*amentu*m meu*m* in hunc modu*m*: In p*ri*mis lego & recomendo a*nim*am meam deo om*ni*potenti, creatori et saluatori meo, be*ate*q*ue* Marie Virgini matri eius, & om*ni*bus sanct*is*, corpusq*ue* meu*m* ad sepeliend*um* vbicunq*ue* deus, ex sua g*ra*c*ia* spec*iali*, p*ro* me dispone*re* volue*rit*. Item lego nomi*ne* mortuarij mei, meu*m* optimu*m* equu*m*. Item lego matrici eccl*es*ie Lincolni*e*, xx s'. Et lego fabrice eccl*es*ie *sancti* Egidij extra Crepulgate,[1] xx s' argenti. Item lego Reue*re*ndo patri ac d*omi*no meo, d*omi*no Wille*l*mo, dei g*ra*t*ia*, Lincolni*e* ep*iscop*o, vnu*m* anulu*m* auri cum uno magno saphiro. Item lego d*omi*no Radulpho Cromwell,[2] d*omi*no de Tateshale, Thesaur*ario* Anglie, meu*m* ciphu*m* vocatu*m* 'grypys ey.'[3] Item lego sororibus et paup*er*ibus *sancte* Kat*er*ine, ext*ra* barras lincolni*e*, xiij s' iiij d. Item lego fabrice eccl*es*ie de Stoke,[4] x li. Item lego rep*ara*cioni capelle sancti Mich*aelis* in le Fenne p*rope*

[1] 'Now without the Posterne of *Creplegate* [London], first is the Parish Church of Saint *Giles*, a very faire and large Church, lately repaired, after that the same was burned, in the yeere 1545.'—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 312 *b*. Here was Oliver Cromwell marrid (Aug. 20, 1620), and these folk burid: Milton (1674), his father (1646), Sir Martin Frobisher (1594-5), Fox the Martyrologist (1587), and J. Speed the Topographer (1538).—Cunningham.

[2] Sir Ralph de Cromwell, Knt., of Tatteshall, co. Linc., 4th Lord Cromwell, and Treasurer of the King's Exchequer: died *sine prole*, 1455.—J. H. R.

[3] A Gripe's or Vulture's egg. See two like bequests by the priest John Sturgeon, to his sister and cousin, in the last Will, below, A.D. 1454, p. 133, l. 4, 5.

[4] ? South Stoke or Stoke Rochford, in the Soke of Grantham, Parts of Kesteven, Co. of Lincoln . . . Church ded. to St. Andrew and St. Mary . . . It is 2 m. N.W. by N. from Colsterworth.—Carlisle.

Bostoñ, x ti. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum, do & lego executoribus meis, quos facio, ordino, et constituo, Iohannem Tamworthñ, Iohannem Langholme, Ricardum Leek, Willelmum Massyngham, Iohannem Rayncok clericum, 4
Robertum Caileflete & Willelmum Stanlow. Superuisores vero huius testamenti & mee vltime voluntatis, prefatis executoribus per me recitatis & declaratis, ordino, constituo, rogo & specialiter requiro, predictum venerabilem patrem meum, Willelmum, Lincolnie Epis- 8
copum, & Radulphum dominum de Cromweℓℓ & de Tateshale, Thesaurarium Anglie, vt ipsi ordinent & disponent pro anima mea, prout melius viderint deo placere, & secundum exigenciam & declaracionem voluntatis mei [so] predicte. In cuius rei testi- 12
monium, huic presenti testamento meo sigillum meum apposui. Datum apud Manerium meum de Fenne, die & Anno supradictis.

[*English Will of the Real Estate and Residue of Personalty.*]

[Wife to have her Dower in his inherited Lands and a Rent-Charge of £20 a-year, if she behaves properly or marries well. If she claims Dower out of purchast Lands, her Rent-Charge to cease. Surplus Rents of 2 Lincolnshire Manors to go to Executors for 7 years. Sons to be traind at School, and then at Court.[1] Entail of 3 different Estates on Sons Ralph, John, and Henry, with cross remainders between them; and if they die, their Mother living, remainder to her, with ultimate remainder to Testator's right heirs, or to be sold for the benefit of his Soul. Son *Ralph* to have 4 Lincolnshire Manors (p. 123); *John*, the lands bought of Sir Wm. Malery (p. 123); *Henry*, the lands bought of Sir Jn. Biron and others (p. 124),—but not till 8 years after Testator's death,—and also the lands in Southend, Boston (p. 125). Rent-charges given or confirmd to certain Servants and other folk. Profits of 2 Manors, and Personalty, to be uzed for Burial, Payment of Debts, Priests and Poor to sing and pray, keep Obit, give Wife 200 marks, and one-third his Plate and Moveables; son Ralph 500 marks to get a Wife, and John and Henry 300 marks each. Another third of Plate and Moveables, for the benefit of Sons; the last third for the purposes of the Will, and Testator's Soul. Executors to have £100 between em (p. 128). Sons interfering with the Will, to lose benefits under it. Old Will of 1436 to be referd to.]

THis is the last wiℓℓ of Rauf Rochefort, Knyght. [2]First, the saide

[1] This was the alternativ to the University, and generally chosen in preference to it, for Gentlemen's sons.

[2] This is the second will in the 3rd person. See the first at p. 43.

Rauf wiH and ordeyneth and prayeth aH his ffeffees of aH his maners, londes and tenementes, rentes and seruices, with[1] aH theire appurtenaunces, in the Countes of Lincoln and Warrewyke and elles where, to performe and fulfille his wiH yn the forme ensuyng. First, he wiH that Margarete his wyf haue hir lawfuH dower of aH his maners londes and tenementes, rentes and seruices, of his enheritaunce in the Countes for-saide, for terme of hir lif. AH-so he wiH that the saide Margarete haue xx markes of lawfuH money yerly out of the maners of Fenne and Skreynge, with their appurtenaunces, yn the Counte of Lincoln, ouer hir dower forsaid, for terme of hir lyf. Vnder this condicion, that she kepe hir in honeste and worshupfuH gouernaunce, or elles that she be maried to hir worshipe and to hir estate, by assent and CounsaiH of aH or of the most partye of his executours and Surveyours of his testament. And aH-so that she clayme no dower nor Ioyntfeffement, nor no thyng do, ne wirke (that might greue his heires or his executours) In no maner degree contrarie his wiH, nor that she claime no Iointestate in none other of his londes ne rentes of his purchace, nor in no londes ne tenementes of his purchace, nor in no londes, tenementes nor annuities wich he hath graunted to eny of his seruauntes for terme of lyf or othir wyse. And if she doo the contrarie to eny thyng of this his last wiH, or make eny clayme yn the contrarie ther-of, Than that she haue oonly but hir dowere of aH his maners landes and tenementes of his enheritaunce forsaid. And aH-so he wiH [2]that all profytes and issues of the maners of Fenne, Skreyng, Stoke, and Arleye, with aH theire appurtenaunces, that leveth[3] clerely ouer the dower and the xx marc forsaid by his graunte to the saide Margarete yn the forme forsaide, and ouer annuites wiche he hath graunted to eny of his seruauntes for terme of theire lyves, or other wyse, yn the saide maners,—wiche he wiH that thei stande yn their strenketh, after the forme of his graunte made by his lettres and his seal,—that the same profites and issues be kept and delyueryd to the Executours handes for the terme of vij yere after his decesse. Item he wiH that his sonnes be susteyned and kepte to scoles, and aftir to courte, by ouersight and gouernaunce of his executours tiH they come to fuH age. And aH-so if the saide

[1] MS. wiH. [2] leaf 216. [3] remain.

Margarete his wyff decesse or tyme Rauf his sonꝺ comme at full age, thanne aH herꝰ dowerꝰ, and the xx marcꝺ yerely forsaiꝺ, to be kept to the sustenaunce of aH his Childrenꝺ yn the maner anꝺ fourme forsaide. And when Rauf his sone cometh to his fuH age, than he wiH that he haue aH the saide maners of Fenne, Skreynge, Stoke, and Arleye, in the fourme forsaiꝺ, with aH theire appurtenaunceȝ, with all other reuersions, what so euer they bee, wanne they falle to hym, and to the heres of his body laufully be-gotenꝺ. And if he discesse without heires of his body laufully begotenꝺ, Thanne aH the saide maners, with aH the saide Reuersions, with their appurtenaunceȝ, in the fourme forsaiꝺ, remayne to Iohnꝺ his sonꝺ, and to the heires of his body laufully comyngꝺ. And yf the saide Iohnꝺ decesse withoute heires of his body comyngꝺ, Thanꝺ he wiH that aH the maners forsaide, yn the saide fourme for-saide, remayne to Henry his sone, and to the heires of his body comyngꝺ. And if the saide Henry discesse withoute heires of his body comyngꝺ, Thanne he wiH that aH the maners for-saide, with aH theirꝰ appurtenaunceȝ in the fourme aforesaide, remayne to the saide Margarete his wif, if she lif; she to haue aH the saide maners, londes and tenementes, with aH their appurtenaunceȝ, for terme of hir lif / so that she kepe hir in honest and worshupfuH gouernaunce, and in suche maner and condicion as is before writtenꝺ. And aftir hir discesse, aH the saide maners, londes and tenementes, rentes and reuersions, to remayne to his next heire. AH-so he wiH that aH the maners, londes and tenementes, rentes & seruices wich he boughꝺt of Sir William Malery, knygh[t], liyngꝺ in Northstoke,[1] with all theirꝰ appurtenaunceȝ, be keppit in the feffees and executours handes, Vnto tyme Iohn his sone comme to fuH age; And the profitȝ ther-of comyngꝺ in the mean tyme, ouer reparacions & expenses, to be keppid to his profite, and to be delyueryd vnto him whan he cometh at fuH age / with aH the saide manere, londes, tenementes, rentes and seruices, with all the appurtenaunceȝ, to haue to hym and to the heires of his body comyngꝺ. And if [John] discesse withoute heire of his body comyngꝺ /

[1] Stoke, North, in the Wapentake of Winnibriggs and Threo, Parts of Kesteven, Co. of Lincoln; in the Parish of Stoke . . . It is 2¾ m. N.W. by N. from Colsterworth.—Carlisle.

than he wiℓ that aℓ the same manors, londes, tenementes, rentes & seruices, with the appurtenaunces, remayne to Henry his sone in the fourme be-fore saide. And if he die withoute heires of his body comyng', or tyme he come to fuℓ age or aftirward', Thanne the saide manors, londes, tenementes, rentes & seruices, with the appurtenaunces, to remayne to Margarete his wyf for terme of hir lif; And aftir hir discesse, to be sold' by the executours. And aℓ the money that may be resceyued' therof, that hit be done for his soule, by aduys of the executours, as they wiℓ answere be-fore god, to prestes and pore men), in almes dede, and other wise as hem thenk that best is for hele of his soule. And aℓ-so that aℓ those manors, londes, tenementes, wich he hath purchased' of Sir Iohn) Biron) in Stoke[1] and Obthorpe[2] & Thurleby[3] & Dembleby[4] in Kesteuen) / and of other diuers men in Arleye, Fenne, and Skreynge, aftir suche annuytes boren) out of hem seuerally like as he hath graunted to diuers men), that thos same manors, londes & tenementes, viij yere aftir his decesse, remayne and abyde in the feefes handes. And the rentes and profites ther-of to be receyuyd' by the executours, and expendid' in the fulfillyng' of his wiℓ; And aftir the saide viij yere to be / to the vse of the saide Rauf his son), and to the heires of his body comyng'. And if he die withoute heires of his body comyng', than the same manors, londes and tenementes forto remayne to Iohn) and Henry, his brether,[5] aither [6]aftir othir in the taile, in the forme aforsaide. And if aℓ thre sonnes die withoute heires of their bodies, theire moder than lyuyng', then she for to haue aℓ the same manors, londes and tenementes duryng' her' lif; And after hir' decesse, to be sold' by the Executours,

[1] *South Stoke*, or *Stoke Rochford* is 6 miles from Grantham, in Grantham Soke, Lincolnshire.

[2] *Obthorpe* and *Northorpe* are 2 hamlets in the Parish of Thurlby, 6 miles N. from Market Deeping.—Moule, *Engl. Counties Delineated*, ii. 201 *a*.

[3] There are 2 Thurlbys in Kesteven: 1. *Thurlby*, in the Lower Division of the Wapentake of Boothby Graffo, Parts of Kesteven, Co. of Lincoln . . . 10 m. S.W. from Lincoln. 2. *Thurlby*, in the Wapentake of Ness, Parts of Kesteven, Co. of Lincoln . . . 5¼ m. N.N.W. from Market Deeping. (A third *Thurlby* is in the Wold Division of the hund. of Calceworth, Parts of Lindsey, Co. of Lincoln . . . 2½ m. E. from Alford.)—Carlisle.

[4] *Dembleby*, in the Wapentake of Aveland, Parts of Kesteven, Co. of Lincoln . . . 6 m. N.W. by W. from Folkingham.—Carlisle.

[5] Brothers.

[6] leaf 216, back.

and disposid for his sowle, like as hem shall seme that best is, and most meritoire[1] & behouefull in that partye. And as touchyng all the londes, tenementes and rentes in Southende in Boston),[2] beyng in his feffees handes, he will that his executours shall haue the issues and profite3 vnto the tyme that Henry his sone comme to full age, to the vse of the same Henry, And than for to delyuery the same londes, tenementes and rentes vnto the same Henry, to haue to hym and the heires of his body comyng. And if he die withouten heire of his body, than to Rauf his brother, and his issue; And aftir him and his issue, to Iohn his brother, and his issue in the taile. And for defaute of issue of hem all thre, then the same londes, tenementes and rentes for to remayne to their moder, if she than liff; And elles to remayne to the next heires of the saide Rauf, yn way of enheritaunce. Also as touchyng the maners of Stoureprewe and Newton-Longvile,[3] wherin he hath certayn termes to endure, as hit apperith seuerally by the kyngges lettres patentes, he will that of the issues, profit3 and reuenues of thos two maners with the appurtenaunce3, that certayne annuities borne oute of hem, wich are expressed here-aftir in this will to diuers of his seruantys, that is to say, to Margery Loughton yerely out of Stoureprews duryng the termes therof, xxvj s' viij d; And oute of Newton Longvile, to Robert Caileflete duryng the termes therof, l[4] s'; to Iohn Newbery, xxvj s' viij d; Iohn Cornwall, xxvj s' viij d; Iohn More, xxvj s' viij d; William Basse, xxvj s' viij d; Nichol Penbroke, xxvj s' viij d; Iohn Iohnson, xx s'; Ienyn Bavenger, xiij s' iiij d; Iohn Pallyng, xiij s' iiij d; Richard Skott, vj s' viij d, yerely, duryng the saide termes of Newton-Longvyle. Also that Richard Leke haue still his annuite yn Arley for terme of his lif,

[1] Fr. '*Meritoire:* com. Meritorious, well deseruing, worthie of reward.'—1611. Cotgrave.

[2] Boston, a large, well-built town, of Lincolnshire, seated on both sides of the river Witham, by means of which, much assisted by navigable canals, it carries on a considerable trade to London, and some to the Baltic, &c. The church spire is very lofty, and a noted sea-mark . . . Boston is 37 miles S.E of Lincoln, and 115 N. of London.—Walker's *Gazetteer*, 1801.

[3] ? The *Newton* 4 miles N.W. from Folkingham, or that between Gedney-Fen and Cambridgeshire (Walker), or that by Toft, 4½ miles from Market-Rasen (Moule). The only *Newton Longville* in Moule, i. 165 *a*, is also cald 'Newington,' and is in Bucks, 3½ miles S.W. from Fenny Stratford.

[4] fifty shillings.

accordyng' to his dede of annuite that he hath̄ ther-vpon̄. Also he wil̄ that Robert Cailflet and Iohane his wyf haue and reioys[1] for terme of their lyves, and of eyther of them lengest lyvyng', the place in Eston̄[2] sumtyme callyd̄ Botiller Place, in such manere and fourme as the dede of grawnt of the saide Robert and Iohane makith̄ mencion̄ in that partie. Al̄-so that William Stanlow reioys peisibely and haue confermyd̄ vnto hym by the feffees of the saide Rauf, a mese of londes & tenementes in Dembleby & Waterwilughby,[3] to haue to the same William Stanlowe and his assignes for terme of xx yere. Al̄-so that Jenyn̄ Beranger, his seruant, haue for terme of his life a place in Fenne Amutyme (?), called Burton̄ Place, by way of reward̄ for his long' seruice, ouer the xiij s' iiij of Annuite. Al̄-so that Iohn̄ Coke, his seruaunt, haue in Stoke a place called Prestplace, for terme of his lif, the wych̄ is yerely of rent x s', in reward for his long' seruice. And al̄-so he wil̄ that the saide Robert Caileflete haue Obthorpe and Thurleby in Kesteuen̄, that was purchased̄ of sir Iohn̄ Biron̄, in the name of annuite of .l. s' for terme of lif of the saide Robert. And al̄-so he wil̄ that, of the issues and profites of the saide Manere of Stoureprewe and Newton̄ Longevile with̄ the appurtenaunces, the saide annuites born̄ and deduit oute of hem, that the executours haue and receyue al̄ the same issues and profits duryng' the saide terme, that they may therwith̄, and with al̄ the othir reuenues and profites of al̄ the Maners, londes and tenementes that they shal̄ haue and receyue by this wil̄ aftir his decesse, And with̄ al̄ othir dettes beyng' due to hym at the day of his deth̄, and al̄ his other godes and stuffes[4] meveable that he leveth̄ vnto hem as to his executours, First brynge hym to the Erthe honestly, as his Estate asketh̄; And than next for to ordeyne and paye al̄ his dettes; And also to bere Charges of such̄ prestes and poor men̄ as ensuyth̄: That is to say, at Stoke, a prest and iij bedmen̄ / a prest at Newton Longvile, and a prest at Fenne, for to synge and pray for his sowle dailly. And yf Fryre Barton̄[5] wil̄ a-bide stil̄ and synge att the Fenne, than he wil̄ that the same Barton̄, for such̄ tyme as he wil̄

[1] rejoice, enjoy.
[2] Easton, Lincolnshire, between Stamford and Grantham.—Walker.
[3] *Willoughby, Scots*, or *Water*, Lincolnshire, N. of Folkingham.—Walker.
[4] or 'stuffe.'
[5] ? MS. Bacton'.

synge there, haue yerely .V. nobles for his salarie for that diuine seruice. Also he wiłł that his obyte be kept yerely for' euermore yn the parissh̄ Chirch̄ of Stoke; and for sustenaunce therof, he wiłł that his executours ordeyne yerely xx s' to be receyued of a place that he purchased of the executours of Iohn̄ Symond, sumtyme called Eleward Place in Fenne, and to be expended to þe [1]vse of the saide obyte for euermore. And than of the residue that so shałł remayne of the saide issues and profites of the maners, and of other godes with̄ the executours, ouer ałł the saide charges resonably to be consideryd / and to be born̄ as is afore, and shałł be here-aftyr in this wiłł rehersed, that Dame Margarete his wyf, if she gouerne hir worshipfully, like as is aboue rehersed, haue CC mark of money, or elles x ti yerely of the issues and profits of the saide manors of Stoureprewes and Newton̄-Longvile duryng' the termes ther-of. And ouer that, she to haue oon̄ party of ałł his plate and other godes moevable, yf she be gouernyd worshipfully accordyng' to his wiłł in the fourme a-fore-saide. And that Rauf, his sone, haue ordeyned for to by him a mariage .V.^{c} marc'; And either of his two brethern̄ Iohn̄ and Henry CCC marc', if hit wiłł suffice ther-to, and so ferre strech̄ ouer ałł othir charges forsaide to be borne / and thes sommes for to be reysed of the saide dettes, and of the saide issues and profits of the saide manors of Stoureprewes & Newton-Longvile / Also as touchyng' a-nothir parte of his saide plate and othir stuff of godes moevable, that his executours, by aduys of the Surveyours, demene, gouerne & distribute of that parte to ychone of his saide sonnes in releyung' and preferryng' of hem, like as [by] their' discrecions it shałł seme hem nedefuł and resonable / hauyng' consideracion to ałł othir charges that most algates be born̄ yn paymentys of his saide dettes / and other wyse to the ease of his sowle. And as touchyng' the parte of ałł the saide plate, and of his othir' stuffe of godes mevable so then remaynyng', he wiłł that his saide executours gouerne and dispose that third pårte in such̄ maner and fourme / as in diuine seruices, almes dedes, and othir werkes of charite, payment of his dettes, and ałł othir dueez and gouernances for the performyng' of his wyłł / like as by theire discrecions, by the aduys of the saide Survyours, it shałł seme most

[1] leaf 217.

necessarie and spedefuH to the hele of his sowle. Also he wiH that his executours haue of the saide godes, for their reward and labour, .C. li. to be distribute and departid amonges hem, to ychon of hem aftir his charge and labour. And þat wich of hem that no charge of mynistracion of his testament in execucion of his wiH takith ne workith, shaH no reward haue of the saide .C. li. And aH-so wich of hem as laboureth for the execucion of his wiH, and taketh vpon him mynystracion, shaH haue for his resonable costes that he deth yn that partie at aH tymes. Also he wiH that if his wyf or eny of his saide sonnes worke the contrarye of this his present wille, in lettyng or distourbyng the saide executours of fulfillyng ther-of, that than þey shaH lose aduantage and benefite of this his present wiH. AH-so if ther be eny clause or matier in his olde wiH made the xiiij yere of the kyng that now is, to the wich it shaH seme to the saide executours, by aduys of the Surveyours, for to be necessary to resorte, and to take remembraunce of, for the more playne execucion of this his present wiH / that in such case the saide executours haue fuH power, by the aduys of the said Surveyours therof, to put in execucion, in rewardys of seruauntes, and othir wyse yn aH maner poyntes, like as in that partye after their conscience and good discrecions it shaH seme hem necessarie for to be done and executed for the most ease of his entent. And yn witnesse of this his present last wiH, the forsaide Rauf here-to hath sette his seale the xijth day of March In the yere of oure lord god M^{l} CCCC xxxix^{te} And in the xviij [1] yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the sext.

Probata fuerunt dicta testamentum & vltima voluntas coram Magistro Iohanne Lyndefeld, xix die mensis Maij, anno domini Millesimo CCCC quadragesimo, et commissa fuit administracio &c discretis viris Willelmo Massyngham & Roberto Caileflete executoribus & c, Reseruata potestate & c, & habent citra festum Michaelis ex futuro ad exhibendum Inuentarium & c.

[1] '*decimo septimo*,' the Latin Testament says rightly, and March 26 for the day. The 17th of Henry VI. was from 1 Sept. 1438, to 31 Aug. 1439.

SIR THOS. BROOK,[1] KNIGHT, OF COBHAM, 1438-9.

[To be buried in Thorncomb Church; 13 poor men to hold a torch each at the Obit; all poor blind or lame folk there to have 4*d.* each, and other needy ones 1*d.* Wife to defend Testator's Servants from prosecution by his Children and others. Residue to Wife, for herself and the true Servants, and to marry Testator's unmarrid Children with.]

(Luffenam, lf. 217, bk.)

Test*amentu*m Thome Brook', milit*is*.

In the name of the Fadyr & of the sonne & of the holy goost, so be hit now & evyr! the xij day of Februar*e*, the ȝere fro the Incarnac*i*on of our' lord' ih*es*u cryst M° cccc^mo^ xxxviij°. I. Thomas Brook', kny3te & lord of Cobham,[2] beyng' yn hole mynde & goode witte, make my testament in this wyse. Fyrste I by-seche the most blessid Trinyte to haue m*er*cy on me, And that thorow the prayer of the blessid Virgyne Marye, the moder of oure lord' ih*es*u cryst, & of all the sayntys that ben in hevyn, that I, wrechid synner, my3t the rather to haue grace worthily to be-wayle my synnys or that my sowle dep*ar*te owte of this world', so that hit may be fownde clene & worthy, thorow trwe repentaunce & contynuall for-thenkyng', to be resseuyd in to the blysse that euyr shall last. More-ouer hit is my will that my body be buryd' yn the north yle of the chirch of Thornecoumbe.[3] And that at the day of my buryng' ther be saide iij masses, And all-so that *þer* be xiij pore men clothid in white,

[1] Son of Sir Thomas Brook, Knt. (see p. 26). Married Joan Braybroke, great-granddaughter and heiress of John of Cobham, 2nd Lord Cobham.—J. H. Round.

[2] *Cobham Hall*, Kent, 3 miles W. of Rochester, now the seat of the Earls of Darnley.—J. H. Round. (At Cobham in Surrey, on the river Mole, 19 miles S. by W. of London, I once saw a friend pull out a 4lb. perch.)

[3] Thorncombe, Devonshire, N.E. of Axminster.—Walker. It is locally situated in Dorsetshire, in an insulated part of Devonshire, and is 8 miles W. from Beaminster. (See also p. 26.)

holdyng' eche of hem a torghe brennyng' at the dirige & at the masse yn the day of my obyte. And afterward' the torgis to be dalt .iij. of hem to the Chirch̄ of Thornecombe, & the remaynande of the torgis to x of the nedyest paryschirches yn the Cuntre by sidys. AH-so it is my wiH that euery pore blynde, or lame man or woman that cummyth̄ to myne obite, haue iiij d. AH-so it is my wiH þat euery pore nedy man, woman or child' that cummyth̄ to my obyte haue .I.d AH-so it is my wiH that euery man or woman that commyth̄ home to Holdyche[1] yn the day of my obyte after the masse is do at Thornecumbe, that thay haue sufficiante mete & drynke. AH-so hit is my wyH, that if þer be eny of myne owne childryn, or eny other man, that wiH trouble, disese, or pursew of my trew seruandys, & yn speciaH, Iohn Battiscoumbe, WiH Tavern or Iohn Corbrigge, that my wyff, with alle the lordeshipe and frendshipe that she may gete, socour hem, helpe hem, & defende hem, from the malice of myne owne children & of aH oþer, whiles she hath̄ eny gode wherwith̄ to withstande her[2] IvyH wyH. AH-so hit is my wiH that Clowys haue .v. mark'. And the residue of aH my godys that be not be-qwedyt yn this my testament, I ȝeue and by-qweth̄ to my wyf, to helpe hir with̄, & my trwe seruandys a-foresaide, And' aH-so to helpe for to mary my children that ben noȝt maryd'. And that this my testament may truly be executyd', I make and ordeyne my wyfe myn executrice / and yf she wiH, Edward' my sone,[3] sir Iankyn Byschope with̄ hir / Probatum fuit. [*In margin*] acquietati sunt vere.

[The other English wills in "Luffenam" are those of
Thomas BURTON of "Lughtburght," 27 March 1447, (mixt English and Latin, and imperfect,) leaf 222, back.
Robert SAYKYN, draper, of London, 20 Sept'. 1444, leaf 230, back.
Sir Wauter LUCY, knight, 18 July, 1444, lf. 231, back (2 pages long).
William WHARPLOD of Chalfhunt Seynt Gyle (? Berkshire or Bucks), proved 27 November, 1447.
John THROCKMARTEN (of Fladbury in Worcestershire ?), 12 April, 1445. leaf 248.

[1] See p. 27. [2] her = their.
[3] Summoned to Parliament as "Edwardo Brooke de Cobham, Chiv," 13 Jan. 1445.—H. Round.

Richard SHIPLEY, 26 Jan^{y}. 1444 (" Also y wille and charge that myn exequies be not outrágely done in expenses of vanites of Candilstikkes, torches, and suche other, but deuoutely, And the coste that shal be doo thanne, be yeue to pou*e*re meñ, and that [*so*] that haue nede "), leaf 250, back.

Joñn WYNTER, Squyer, of the shire of Sotheray, 20 May, 1445: leaf 252, back. (" Also to Herry Perreur a new gowne of Russet furred with blak lambe, that y had new at Crystenmesse, and also my wode knyf, and a lyned gowne of russet of my maistre Fastolf liu*e*rey," lf. 253.)

William BABTHORP, Baron of the King's Exchequer, 26 Oct. 1442. leaf 258 (bk: " Also I wille that the kirkerevys of the parish chirch of Clerkenwell haue xiij s' iiij d' for to spend on the onourment3 of the same kirke ").

John MALTON, gentleman. 6 Aug. 1447, lf. 274.

Richard KETRYCH, Grocer, of London. 4 Oct. 1447 (26 Hen. VI).

Richard ALRED, Squire, of Boreham, Essex, 8 May, 1446, leaf 275, back.

Roger LOVEDEN of Bristol, Merchant, 18 July, 1447, leaf 279 (back: " Also I bequethe to my wyfe all my store of howsold' of beddyng, helyng Cost*ur*s of hallys and chambrys and kechyn,").]

NICHOLAS STURGEON, PRIEST, 1454.

[To be buried in the Lady-Chapel at the N. door of St. Paul's. Goods to be uzed for Testator's Soul; but bequests given, of Money, a Chalice, Vestments, Bed of green silk, gilt Piece jeweld, silver Pots, 2 Vulture's-egg Cups, green worsted Bed, Costers, Hall-hangings, Silver Cups, 6*s*. a year for a Boy's Schooling, a blue Bed with Sheets, &c., Gowns, &c. A Priest to sing for 7 years for Testator.]

Rous (Prerog. Court), lf. 76, back.

Sturgeon). [*In margin.*]

In the blessyd name of the holy trinite, the Fader, the sone, the holy gost, three persons in oon substaunce, the last day of the Moneth of May, In the yere of Incarnacioun of our lord*e* Ih*es*u Crist a M^{l} cccc liiij, And in the yere of the Reigne of Kyng Harry the vj after the conquest xxxij, I, Nicholas Sturgeon, preest, most vnworthy to

haue that wurshipful name & office, beyng in good bodely helth, with hole & stedfast mynde ordeyne & make my testament in this wise. In the first, y bequeth my sowle to the grete mercy of al myghty god, my wrecchid body to the erthe sanctified and halowed, to be buryed in the ChapeH of our blessyd lady & seynt Nicholas now of new edefied atte Northdore of the Cathedral cherche of seynt pawle of london);[1] And all my wordly goodes to be demened for the merites of my sowle withouten eny vayn glorie, by the wise avise of myn Executours, my dettes and duetes to be payed next after the costes don in myne entierement; Reparacions and implementis dwe to the seyde Cathedral Chirche of seynt powle, truly to be content after the maner and forme as y receyved hem. Item, y bequeth to the makyng of the Steple of the paryssh cherche of seynt Awstyns in london, nexte powles chircheyerd,[2] xl s'. Item y bequeth to the parissh cherch of Henstrygge,[3] a chalyce of the price of lxvj s' viij d. Item y bequeth to the parissh cherche of seynt Andrewe in Aysperton,[4] a vestement of blak for prest, deacon, and subdeacon, of the prys of x. li, or within; myne exequyes and obite day to be kept solempny ther duryng the terme of vij yere; for the expenses of the which y bequethe xlvj s', viij d, that ys to sey, for euery yere vj s' iiij d. Item y bequethe to the wursshipful Monasteryes of Cristchirch of Canterbury, of seynt Awstyn in the same towne, and of seynt Albanes,[5] xx^{li} myle from london, lx s', by evyn porcyons, to euery hows xx s'. in remembraunce of my Fraternite, the more specially they to pray for me. Furthermore, y bequethe to my cosyn

[1] The prezent architect of St. Paul's, Mr. F. C. Penrose, says this is the first authority he has seen for the situation of the Chapel of St. Nicholas in old St. Paul's.

[2] The Parish Church of St. *Augustine*, and one house next adjoyning, in *Watheling streete*, is of this Ward called *Faringdon*. This is a faire Church, and lately well repaired.—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 351 *a*. Burnt in the Great Fire of 1666, and rebuilt by Wren. See p. 113 abuv, note 2.

[3] *Henstridge*, Somersetshire, E. of Milborn Port.—Walker. On the borders of Dorsetshire, 9 miles S.W. from Shaftesbury, and 6 miles N.E. from Sherbourn. Church dedicated to St. Nicholas.—Moule. (Eastward from Kelston or Kelweston (on the borders of Glo'stershire, 4 miles N.W. from Bath) is Henstridge or Kelston Round Hill, which commands an extensive prospect.—Moule, i. 415 *a*.)

[4] *Asperton*, Herefordshire, near Stow-Chapel and Stretton.—Walker.

[5] In Hertfordshire.

Iohan Frowyk, my bed of grene sylke, wiþ the testo*ur* & Canape ther-to, palid tartyn)[1] white and rede, And the gilde pece wiþ smale stones sett ther-on. Item y bequethe to my suster Bartrice my syluer pottes, And the beter cuppe of the grypes eye.[2] Item y bequethe to my cosyn Margrete Shipton) that other gripes eye, and bed of grene wurstede, with the costers longyng ther-to. Also y bequeth to my brother Iohn) Sturgeon) the hallyng with the ix wurthy,[3] And vj cuppes of Sylver stondyng on low fete, with the coueryng therto. And as tochyng my brother Richard, y can) not assigne no thyng of my good recompensible to his good brotherhede, wherfor notwithstondyng this, my will thus disposid: If ther be eny thyng that he wold desire ther-of to his vse, terme of his lyff, y wull that he haue it. Item y bequeth to my cosyn Thomas Ryke, a stondyng cuppe gilde, with chased werk. Item y bequethe to myn cosyn Richard Ryke, a cuppe of syluer couered; And for to fynde to gramer scole my cosyn), his sone William, xx iiij s for the tyme of iiij. yere. Item y bequethe to my cosyn Margrete Dowrigge a stondyng pece of syluer couered. Item y bequethe to Iohn̄ [4]Anglesey my seruaunt x li, And a blew bed with the lyoun Curteynes, Couerled, blankett*is*, a peyre of shet*is* and a gowne. Item y bequeth to Bartlet my seruaunt, xx s' and a gowne. Item I bequethe to Thomas Bisshoptre, xl s'. Item y bequethe to Thomas Gylbert, xl s'. Item I bequethe to Iohn) Gardyner, xxvj s', viij d, and a Riding gowne with the hode. Item y bequethe to sir William Iulyan), xij mark for to syng for me with a special Colett. Item y bequethe to Iohn) of the kechyn, vj s' viij d, And to be new arayd. Item y bequethe to Iohn) Wylkynsone of the kechyn, vj s' viij d, and his wages beyng be-hynde. Item y bequeth to Richard Bamvile, xiij s'. viij d. Item to Iohn) Wichard, vj s' viij d. Item to Iohn) Wemme, xiij s'. iiij d. Item to Thomas, Thomas my Cooke,

[1] ? for 'tarteryn, tartaryn,' a kind of silk.

[2] See Sir Ralph Rochefort's Latin Testament abuv, p. 120.

[3] Compare in Shakspere's *Love's Labour's Lost*, V. i. 124-5, "Sir, you shall present before her the Nine Worthies." And Doll's opinion of Falstaffe: "thou art as valorous as Hector of Troy, woorth fiue of Agamemnon, and ten times better than the nine Worthies."—2 *Hen. IV*, II. iv. 236-9. Quarto 1.

[4] leaf 79.

oweth me xx s', the whiche y pardon and foryeve hym. Item y bequethe xl s' euenly to be departyd bytwene Iohn Saymour, to Iohn Meryco, and William Clere. And all myne other goodes what-
4 so-euer they fortune to be, in valour, dettis, and aH after my dettis weH and truly payed, myn expenses and costes funeraH done, and all my bequestes comprysed in this my testament fufilled & performed, And yf they may suffice ther-to, for to fynde a preest able and
8 honest of conuersacyon, and of good rule, to syng for me in the forseide chapel of new edefied, atte awter ther, be vij yere. And ellys yf my seide goodes, Residues, and dettis may not suffice ther-to, than y wul that myn Executours, be ther good discrecons, modere
12 and modefye suche thynggis as ys set and lymet afore, For it is not myne entent to charche hem eny ferther than my goodes wil strecche to and suffice. The whiche myn Executours y ordeyne and name, Richard Sturgeon, Iohn Sturgeon thelder, Thomas Frowyk', son of
16 harry Frowyk', and Thomas Ryke. And to euerych of hem y bequethe C s'. Into the witnessyng of whiche thyng, to this present my testament y haue set my seale: y-youen at londoñ the day and yere aboueseide. / Probatum fuit dictum testamentum coram Commis-
20 sario predicto, octauo die Mensis Iunii, Anno Domini predicto. Et commissa est administracio omnium bonorum &c. Iohanni Sturgeoñ, Thome Frowyk, & Thome Ryke, executoribus in dicto testamento nominatis &c. Reseruata potestas Ricardo Sturgeon &c Et dimissi
24 sunt, &c.

[Other English wills in *Rous*.

		A.D.
lf.	78, Wylliam *Cressener*,	1454.
„	89 bk., Thomas *Morstede* (long),	1450.
„	108, John Knight,	1442.
„	118 bk., John Hotoft,	1443.
„	146, Rich[d]. Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick,	1437, prov'd 1439.]

NOTES.

p. 3, l. 10. *a serteyn* (weekly allowance). This expression occurs in 3 later wills in the Probate Registry, from Worsted, Norfolk, as meaning, in one case a sum of money; in two others, a religious service:—

John GLAVEYN (Worsted, Norfolk), in his Will, A.D. 1505 (42 Holgrave), refers to a "perpetual *serteyn*" which was assigned by the Will of one Thos. Glaveyn, "that is to say, iiij^{s} iiij^{d} to be distribute to xij powre persons on seynt Brices day."

John BURGH (Worsted, Norfolk), in his Will, A.D. 1496 (31 Vox), says: "I bequeith xxx^{s} iiij^{d} for to have a *certeyn* rehersed in the church . . . by the prest or Curate . . . fore my soule and my frendes soules during the terme of vij yeres."

John BOLT, by his Will, A.D. 1499 (39 Horne), bequeaths money "pro uno le *certeyne* celebrando" in the church of Worsted (Norfolk).

p. 4. *Lady Alice West:* she was the daughter of Reginald Fitz-Piers, and Widow of Sir Thomas West, knight, who died 3 Sept. 1386.—J. H. Round.

p. 4, l. 5. *Hynton Marcel:* Hinton Martel, Badbury Hundred, Dorset.—J. H. R.

p. 4, l. 11. *Thomas, my sone:* Sir Thomas West, knight, summoned to Parliament, 21 June, 1402.—J. H. R.

p. 5, l. 1. *Costers.* These were also used in Churches: "*Costers.* A name given to hangings for the sides of an altar or choir."—Pugin.

p. 5, l. 3. *A Widow's Wedding to God.* p. 60, l. 24; p. 61, l. 5: *And if she take þe mantel and þe rynge, and auowe chastite.*—The form of the Ceremony —*Benedictio Vidue*—is given in the *Liber Pontificalis* of Edmund Lacy, Bp. of Exeter (appointed A.D. 1420[1]), ed. R. Barnes, 1847, p. 122-6. Between the Epistle and Gospel, the Widow kneeling during Service, before the Bishop (who sits on a faldstool), is askt whether she wishes to be the spouse of Christ, and give up the lusts of the flesh. She then puts in the Bp.'s hands the following Profession:

[1] He was with Hen. V. at Agincourt in 1415, as Dean of the Chapel Royal.

'I. N., Wedow, avoue to God perpetuell chastite of my body from henceforward, and in the presence of the honorable fadyr in God, my Lord N., by the grace of God, Bishop of N., I promytt stabilly to leve in the Church, Wedow. And this to do, of myne own hand, I subscribe this wrytyng. (And after, let her make the sign of the Cross.) "

The Bishop then prays, and blesses the Mantle and puts it on the Widow. Then he blesses the Ring, sprinkles it with holy water, and puts it, as the sign of her marriage to Christ, on the Widow's finger, saying:

"Accipe, famula Christi, anulum, fidei signum, connubii indicium, quem devota deferas, casta custodias, quoad amplexus divini sponsi coronanda pervenias. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Oremus."

He says 3 Prayers accordingly, and the matter is ended. Miss Mary Lambert kindly referd me to this *Pontifical.*

p. 5, l. 13. *bokes of latyn, englisch, and frensch.* Compare the earliest bequests of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* and *Boece* known to Mr. Challenor Smith in John Brinchele's Will, 1420 (Commissary Court of London, More, lf. lxiiij°, back):—

July 4, 1420. "Ego, Johannes Brynchele, Ciuis & Cissor Londonie .....

Item relaxo et condono Johanni Broune totum illud debitum in quo michi tenetur de meis bonis proprijs. Et volo quod habeat illum librum vocatum Boecius de Consolatione Philosophie in latinis, quem habui pro vadio Alterius libri Angliam,[1] vocati Boecius de Consolacione Philosophie. Item lego David Fyvyan, Rectori ecclesie sancti Benedicti Fynke supradicti, vt sit superuisor presentis testamenti mei, vj s' viij d, et vnum librum in Anglicis vocatum Boecium de Consolacione Philosophie. Item lego Willelmo Holgrave, vt sit vnus executorum meorum, vj s' viij d, et optimum Arcum meum, et librum meum vocatum Talys of Caunterbury" .....

Will proovd, "xiij kalendarum Septembris, Anno domini M[l] CCCC[mo] xx[mo]."

p. 5, l. 21. *Chales.* "*Chalice.* The vessel in which the sacred Blood of our Lord is consecrated."—Pugin.

p. 5, l. 22; 76/4. "*Crewetts*, small vessels of glass or metal, to contain the wine and water intended for consecration at the Altar. . . . The body of the crewetts should be made of crystal, glass, or some transparent substance to enable the celebrant to distinguish readily between the wine and water . . although . . . in the old English inventories they [the crewetts] are generally described as of silver, whole or parcel gilt."—Pugin, Gloss. of *Eccl. Ornament.* The difference was no doubt markt by the differing shapes of the 2 crewetts. Even the two crystal ones engraved in *Pugin* are of different size and shape.

p. 10, 4th line of heading. *for* Helmdon *read* Hillingdon.

p. 10, last line of footnote, *read* "Hillingdon is 14 m. W. of Hyde Park Corner, 1¼ m. S.E. of Uxbridge Station."

p. 10, note 2. *Illustrated London News:* of Dec. 27, 1873.

p. 11, l. 18. *for* Helmdon *read* Helindon.

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[1] ? Anglici.

p. 14, l. 4, *for* hui*us read* hui*usmodi;* l. 6, *for* vene*r*unt *read* vene*r*int.

p. 15, l. 12; 17/3, &c. *Deryge be note.* (*Placebo.*) Vespers for the dead were "known by the term 'Placebo,' because such is the first word of that service, the anthem before the first psalm being 'Placebo Domino in regione vivorum.'[1] Mortuary solemnities always began with even-song in the afternoon; on the early morrow, matins and lauds were chanted, after which Mass was sung." . .

"As the first anthem at matins commenced with '*Dirige*' . . . the whole of the morning's service, including the Mass, came to be designated a '*Dirige*' or 'Dirge.'"—Rock, *Church of our Fathers*, II., 503.—M. L.

p. 15, l. 12. *Masse of Requiem.* In the Rom.-Cath. *Office and Masses for the Dead*, 1853, the 'Requiem' (Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis[2]) occurs thrice in 'The Mass for all the Faithful departed,' p. 65—71.

p. 16, l. 20, *pereyd.*—The copy of this Will of Robert Averay in *Brown* (C. C. London), leaf 200 back, reads '*par*tyd.'

p. 17, l. 24.—The copy in *Brown*, lf. 200 bk, has the record of Proof more fully thus:

*Pro*batu*m* est hoc testa*mentum* coram nob*is* Iacobo Cole cl*er*ico, Commissario &c. iij. kal*endarum* Iunij, Anno *domi*ni M[l] CCCC[mo] xj. Et Commissa est admi*nistra*cio o*mnium* bonor*um* Executorib*us* in dicto testa*mento* no*minatis*, & admissa p*er* eosdem in forma iur*is*. Et ij[e] Idus Iulij, Anno sup*radicto*, commissa fuit admi*nistra*cio *omnium* bonor*um* dicte Iohanne Exec*utrici* nup*er* ab intestato decedenti, Exec*utori* sup*radicto*.

p. 18. *William Langeford, Knt.* Knight of the Shire for Berks, 17 R. II. and 5 H. IV., and Sheriff of Berks and Oxford, 6 H. IV., died 13 H. IV. (Sept. 1411-12: Esch. 13 H. IV. n. 32). He held one-third of the Manor of Mendysdene (now Minsden) in Hitchin, co. Herts, *in capite*, in right of his wife Anne, daughter and coheiress of John de Beverlée of Hitchin (Esch. 4 Rich. II. n. 11). As his widow's name was Lucy, she would seem to have been his second wife, and probably the mother of the younger sons mentioned in the will.

p. 19, l. 1. *Robert myn heldest son.* Robert Langeford, Knt., son and heir (Claus, 10 H. VI. m. 6), aged 22 in 13 H. IV. (Sept. 1411-12: Esch. 13 H. IV. n. 32), died 7 H. V. (March, 1419-20: Esch. 7 H. V.).

p. 19, l. 13. *my lady lovell.* Alianore, daughter of William Lord Zouche of Haryngworth, and wife of Sir John Lovell, Baron Lovell and Holand.

p. 19, l. 27. *Schyffeld, Burfeld, and Sulhamstade Abbis.* Shivefield,

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[1] See 'The Office and the Masses for the Dead, with the *Order of Burial:* from the Roman Breviary, Missal, and Ritual. In Latin and English . . London: T. Jones, 63, Paternoster Row, Catholic Publisher, 1853.' p. 1.

[2] Eternal rest give to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them.

Burfield, and Sulhamstead Abbots, are three parishes lying together in a line south of Reading.

p. 23, l. 1. Cant*e*rie should be Cant*a*rie.

p. 23, l. 11. There's a Preston north of Hereford, but this Preston adjoins Little Marcle, as also do Putley and Ledbury. Woolhope, Sollers Hope, and Howcaple are west of Marcle; Aylton Chapel adjoins Putley; and Kempley and Dimock are in *Glo'stershire*, south of Marcle.—J. Horace Round.

p. 26. *Sir Thomas Broke:* knight, of Thornecombe, co. Devon, son and heir of Sir Thomas Broke, knt., of Ivelchester, co. Somerset, and father of Sir Thomas Broke of Cobham, whose will, 1438-9, is on pages 129-130 below.—J. H. R.

p. 27, l. 11. *Holdych:* Holditch Manor in Thornecombe, Devon.—J. H. R.

p. 27, l. 12. *Cotteleygh:* Cottleigh near Thornecombe.—J. H. R.

p. 28, l. 1. *Iohane my wyfe:* Joan, 2nd daughter and coheiress of Simon Hanape of Co. Gloucester, and widow of Robert Chedder of the City of Bristol.—J. H. R.

p. 28, heading before l. 20. *for* leaf 337 *read* leaf 329.

p. 31, l. 10. *Wodehouse.* Woodhouse, Shropshire, E. of Oswestry.—Walker.

p. 33, l. 1, 4. *Chalices.* The *a* looks much like *i* in the MS.; but Mr. Challenor Smith reads it *a*.

p. 38, l. 32. *Bowdens, Sayres, Spengolds,* &c.—'I am quite sure that Mr. Round's answer to your query in *Notes and Queries* (Oct. 1882) about these names, is the correct one. The names are those of tenants of certain farms. A curious coincidence is to be found in the municipal business of Derby, just over. The two successful candidates for Babington ward were *Boden* and *Sayer!*'—Alfred Wallis, Friars Gate, Derby.

'I have found a singular confirmation of my view of *Bowdens*, which I told you I believed to be the corruption of an owner's name. The Irish named their townships as we do our farms, after the owners, adding "ton" after the name. I found a '*Bowdens*ton' in hunting through some Irish Chancery Records at the Record Office. Sayer was a well-known Essex name.'—J. H. Round.

p. 39, note 3. *Hadley* and *Eastwood* adjoin Lee.—J. H. R.

p. 46, l. 20. *tamsery:* probably *tamisery*, a made-up word from E. *tammy* = F. *estamine* (in Cotgrave), called *tamine* and *tammy* in English. Apparently confused with F. *tamis*, a sieve. Scheler, in treating of F. *tamis*, notices the Eng. *tammy*, but rightly remarks that *tammy* and F. *tamis* are totally unconnected. Probably from Lat. *stamen:* see *tammy* in my Dictionary. But this is all guesswork.—W. W. Skeat.

p. 47, l. 10. Weston Underwood, 2 miles w. of Olney, in Newport Hundred, co. Bucks.—J. H. R.

p. 47, l. 10. John Olney purchased lands in Weston, 4 Rich. II.; died 21 March, 1395. There is a brass to him in Weston Church.—J. H. R.

p. 49, l. 16, *a flat basyn*; p. 56, l. 5, *flat gilt peces*. "A Wine-celler, with his Vessels and instruments . . . A flat peece, *Patera, rœ*. A standing cup, *Crater ris, crara* [*? cratera*] *rœ, caliæ*." 1608, Withals' *Dict.*, by W. Clerk, p. 179-180.

p. 50, l. 18. *The Pore Caitiff*. This is described in Lewis's *Life of Wiclif*, pp. 202-204. It is in 21 divisions. He gives the *incipit* of each. The tracts which make up the collection are often found separately.

p. 50, l. 21. *Cristy gray*. (I read it 'Crisly' first.) This 'Cristy grey' fur is often mentiond: see Hall.'s *Gloss*. I suppose it was some tufted, crest-like or plume-like fur. Fr. '*Creste*: f. A crest, cop, combe; also, a tuft, or little plume standing on the top of. *Cresté* . . . Crested, copped, adorned with a combe.'—*Cotgrave*.

p. 51, l. 4. *quayres*: sermons (or comments). 'Fyrst I shall beseche you not to misconstrue myn entent, in puttyng forthe this *queare* to be printed, but that ye take it to the best.' 1532 (?). Bp. Fisher, *Sermon* or '*Epistole*.' Works, E. E. T. Soc., part II, (1883 ?) p. 429.

p. 54, l. 14. *William Kylwolmerssh, Clerke*. He was Treasurer of England, and Prebendary of St. Paul's. His Will, A.D. 1422, is at Lambeth.

p. 55. *Roger Flore*: Son of William Flower, *alias* Flore, Sheriff of Rutland 6 Ric. II. Was Knight of the Shire 20 Ric. II; 1, 4, 6 Hen. IV; 2 Hen. V; and 1 Hen. VI; and Speaker of the House of Commons. He was patron of the old Hospital of St. John and St. Anne in Oakham (called 'þe Almeshouse of Okeham,' p. 62, l. 23-4), in right of his wife Catherine, daughter and heiress of William Dalby of Exton, its founder.—J. H. R.

p. 56, l. 3. *Thomas my sone*: Thomas Flore of Oakham, Esq., mar. Agnes, daughter and heiress of Peter Saltby of co. Linc. He was Sheriff of Rutland 9, 20, 29, 35 Hen. VI. and 5, 10 Ed. IV; buried at Oakham 1483. This must have been a subsequent wife, not mentioned in the Flore pedigree. —H. R.

p. 57, l. 34; p. 120, l. 10. *my principal*. The *Principal* (sometimes calld Mortuary, Corse-present, or Foredrove) was the deceast person's best horse, which followd the corpse at the funeral, and became the property of the priest. A survival of the custom may be seen at State funerals.

p. 57, l. 35. *Sir Herre Plesyngton*: Sir Henry Plessington, Knt., of Burley, co. Rutland (1 m. N.E. of Oakham), Knight of the Shire for Rutland 1 and 3 Hen. VI, and Sheriff 5 Hen. VI. He married a daughter of testator. —J. H. R.

p. 58, l. 14. *Westminster*: The Abbot of Westminster was Patron of Oakham.—J. H. R.

p. 58, l. 30. *koc kook.* Perhaps Cokok: there are three or four early wills of men of that name.

p. 60, l. 30. *Mastorpe.* There's a Martinsthorpe in Rutlandshire.—H. R.

p. 62, l. 23. *þe Almeshouse of Okeham:* This is the Hospital named in the note on p. 55, *Roger Flore*, p. 139, above.—J. H. R.

p. 65, l. 12. *Thomas Fawkys.* He was Rector of St. Bride's, Fleet St. See Newcourt's *Repertorium*, ii. 316.

p. 70, l. 25. *Laffarebrugge.* "*Laver*, the name of 3 contiguous parishes in Essex, lying between Harlow and Ongar, and distinguished by the appellations of *High*, *Magdalen*, and *Little*. They are about 21 miles N. by W. of London."—Walker's *Gazetteer*, 1801.

p. 71, l. 7. *A tumbe like sire Thomas More:* Dean of St. Paul's, p. 71; p. 104, note 1; p. 105, note.

Thomas Moor, fellow of Pembroke Hall, Cambr. Treasurer to Anne, queen of Richard II, Preb. of Shipton in Salisbury Cathedral, 9 Nov. 1389; Preb. of Newington in St. Paul's, 6 June, 1391; Archdeacon of Colchester, 3 Nov. 1398. *Dean of St. Paul's*, Jan. 1406; *d.* 1421. Buried in a cloister on North side of St. Paul's, called *Pardon Churchyard*, where formerly stood a chapel said to have been founded by Gilbert Becket, who was buried there. (See p. 105, note, above.) It was rebuilt by this Thomas Moor, who obtained a License from Henry V to found a Chantry of Three Priests, but died before it could be accomplished. His executors, however, carried out the foundation, and his Obit was regularly kept on 23 December.—J. Horace Round.

p. 74, l. 2, 3. *þe Cok and þe Garlond in Colman-strete.*—No sign of this name occurs in Larwood and Hotten's *Hist. of Signboards*. There. the fellows of the Cock, are the Anchor 212, Bear 212, Bell 211, Blackbird 202, Bottle 207, 211, Breeches 212, Bull 212, Crown 212, Dolphin 212, House 212, Key 471, Lion 151, Magpie 382, Pie 382, Pynot 383, Trumpet 211, and Swan 212.

p. 75, l. 17. *þe cowe heed in Chepe.*—Probably the sign of some goldsmith's or other shop. The *Bull-hed* is mentiond by Hy. Machyn in 1560, as Larwood and Hotten note, *Hist. of Signboards*, p. 186:

"The xij day of June dyd ryde in a care a-bowtt London ij men and iij women; one man, for he was the bowd [bawd], and to brynge women unto strangers; and on woman was the wyff of the Bell in Gracyous-strett, and anodur the wyff of the *Bull-hed* be-syd London stone, and boyth wher bawdes and hores; and the thodur man and the woman wher brodur and syster, and wher taken nakyd."—Diary, p. 238. (Camden Soc. 1848.)

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p. 78, l. 19. *The Mermaid.*—"As early as the fifteenth century, it was one of the haunts of the pleasure-seeking Sir John Howard, whose trusty steward

records, anno 1464 :—'Paid for wyn at the Mermayd in Bred Stret, for my mastyr and Syr Nicholas Latimer, x d. ob.' [? Howard Household Books, Roxb. Club]. In 1603, Sir Walter Raleigh established a literary club in this house, doubtless the first in England. Among its members were Shakespeare, Ben Jonson, Beaumont and Fletcher, Selden, Carew, Martin, Donne, Cotton, &c. . . . There was another Mermaid in Cheapside, frequented by Jasper Mayne, and in the next reign by poet laureate, John Dryden. Mayne mentions it in 'The City Match' (1638) :—

'I had made an ordinary,
Perchance at the Mermaid.'

"The sign was also used by printers. John Rastall, for instance, brother-in-law of Sir Thomas More, 'emprynted in the Cheapesyde at the sygne of the Meremayde, next to Poulysgate, in 1527;' and in 1576 a translation of the History of Lazarillo de Tormes, dedicated to Sir Thomas Gresham, was printed by Henry Binnemann, the queen's printer, in Knightrider Street, at the sign of the Mermaid."—Larwood and Hotten, *Hist. of Signboards.*

p. 80, l. 15. *quadringentesimo octauo.* Between these two words, *vicesimo* must have been left out by the copier. The Will is dated 1428, and was undoubtedly made in the year of the testator's death.

p. 82, l. 17. *Mynde. Month's Mind.* In the Rom.-Cath. *Office and Masses for the Dead*, 1853, there is a form of Mass 'for the third, seventh, or thirtieth day after the Decease,' p. 99-100, and another, on p. 100-102, for "the Anniversary of the Dead," the Year's Mind. The late guess that a 'Month's mind' meant a Memorial Service every day for a month, is mere nonsense, originating seemingly with Polidore Virgil and some Dictionary-makers. See my letter in *Notes and Queries*, about October, 1882.

p. 83, l. 1. *sir William Wright*, rector. See his Will in the Commissary Court of London, 1430-1.

p. 92, l. 17. *Westsmythfeld.* Smythfeld = Smeth (smooth) field. In the Will of J. Lughtburgh, Commissary Court, 1429, it is "*in plano Campo.*"

p. 93, l. 21. *Monkes chirch.* Monken Hadley, now Hadley. "The manor belonged to the Mandevilles till the middle of the 12th cent., when it was alienated by Geoffrey de Mandeville to the Abbey of Walden—whence the designation *Monken* (or Monks') Hadley."—Thorne, *Environs of London*, i 265.

p. 114, l. 2. *Salve of our Lady.*—ANTIPHONS. "Another favourite devotion of our forefathers was the singing of antiphons in honour of our Lady.

"An antiphon or anthem derives its name from the custom of singing in alternate choirs; but the name is also given to certain short hymns, metrical or not, even when sung by one choir only. In the present Roman Breviary are four antiphons in honour of the Blessed Virgin, to be said at the different seasons of the year, at the conclusion of certain parts of the office. They begin respectively with the words, 'Alma Redemptoris Mater,' 'Ave Regina

cœlorum,' 'Regina cœli lætare,' and '*Salve Regina*.'[1] They were first introduced into the Roman Breviary in 1520, but were used by the Franciscans from the year 1249. (*Merati in Gavantum*, tom. iii. p. 215.) Antiphons in honour of the Blessed Virgin were ordered to be sung at the end of Complin by a general chapter of the Benedictines held at Northampton in 1444, 'in order before sleep to implore *her* help by whom the serpent's head was crushed.' This was only a renewal of a more ancient decree.

"The singing of antiphons soon became a favourite devotion with priests and people, even apart from the office, and foundations were made, and even confraternities instituted, for this purpose. The music seems to have been sometimes very elaborate, since we find such notices as the following. 'At the abbey of Evesham, chaplains are to be assigned to our Lady's altar, skilled in her antiphons.'"[2]—p. 168.

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[1] *From First Vespers of Trinity Sunday to Advent.*

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiæ;
Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.

Ad te clamamus, exules filii Hevæ;

Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrymarum valle.
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,
Illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte;
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
Nobis post hoc exilium ostende,
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.
V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy;
Our life, our sweetness, and our hope, all hail.
To thee we cry, poor banished sons of Eve;
To thee we sigh, weeping and mourning in this vale of tears.
Therefore, O our Advocate,
Turn thou on us those merciful eyes of thine;
And after this our exile, shew us
Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb,
O merciful, O kind, O sweet Virgin Mary.
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Oremus.

Omnipotens, sempiterne Deus, qui gloriosæ Virginis Matris Mariæ corpus et animam, ut dignum Filii tui habitaculum effici mereretur, Spiritu Sancto co-operante, præparasti; da ut cujus commemoratione lætamur, ejus pia intercessione ab instantibus malis et a morte perpetua liberemur. Per eumdem Christum, &c.

R. Amen.
V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.
R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, who, by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of Mary, glorious Virgin and Mother, to become the worthy habitation of thy Son; grant that we may be delivered from instant evils and from everlasting death by her gracious intercession, in whose commemoration we rejoice. Through the same Christ, &c.
R. Amen.
V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.
R. Amen.

[2] Tindall's *Evesham*, p. 112.

"Henry VI., the founder of King's College, Cambridge, and of Eton, prescribes in the statutes, 'That every day of the year, *at a fitting hour of the evening*, all the choristers of our royal college, together with the master in chant, shall enter the church at the sound of a bell, which shall be always rung except on Holy Thursday or Good Friday; and these wearing surplices and ranged around a statue of the Blessed Virgin, *with the candles lighted*,[1] *shall sing solemnly and to the very best of their skill an antiphon of the Blessed Virgin* with the verse "Ave Maria," &c., and the prayer "Meritis et precibus,"[1] &c."

. . . . . "The evening antiphon seems to have occupied with our Catholic forefathers almost the same place that is now filled by the evening Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament—a form of devotion not then established."

"By the statutes for the collegiate church of Whittington College, London, it is ordained that even on ferial days, throughout the year, *about or after sunset, when the poor labourers and those who live near the church are giving up work and business, when there is no reasonable hindrance, the chaplains, clerks, and choristers of the college* who are at home, after the ringing of a small bell set apart for that office, *shall meet in the chapel of St. Mary in the said church, and there sing* to the honour of our Saviour and His Mother *an antiphon* with versicles and prayer.[2] To keep up this custom many guilds were established. Stow[3] tells us of one such called the '*Salve*,' in St. Magnus' Church, near London Bridge, which was flourishing in A.D. 1343. Certain citizens, 'of their great devotion to the honour of God and His glorious Mother, our Lady Mary the Virgin, began and caused to be made a chauntry to sing an anthem to our Lady called "*Salve Regina*" every evening; and thereon ordained *five burning wax lights at the time of the said anthem*, in honour of the five principal joys of our Lady aforesaid . . . . and thereupon many other good people of the parish . . . proffered to be aiders to support the said lights, and the said anthem to be continually sung, paying every person every week a halfpenny.'" . . . . . "To many of my readers will have already occurred the memory of Chaucer's beautiful picture of the village school and of the boys learning to sing our Lady's antiphon . . . . . but before giving it, I will translate from the works of St. Peter Celestine the original tale which Chaucer has developed."—pp. 169, 170.

[Here follows St. Peter Celestine's Tale, which Father Bridgett says is at least a century older than that of Chaucer.]

"One more illustration of the popular use of antiphons I may mention; for though insignificant in itself, it is associated with an honoured name. It seems that the street-singers appealed to Christian piety and charity by these popular hymns. In allusion to this custom, Sir Thomas More, after resigning the chancellorship, called together his family, and telling them that they would

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[1] "Many bequests occur of candles to be lighted during the *salve*."—*Pietas Mariana Britannica*. By Edmund Waterton, F.S.A. London: 1879. p. 139.

[2] Quoted by Dr. Rock, vol. iii. p. 278. [3] *Survey of London*, vol. i. p. 495.

still live together, though they would have to reduce their expenditure, added merrily, that if it came to the worst, 'may we yet with bags and wallets go a-begging together, and hoping that for pity some good folks will give us their charity, at every man's door to sing *Salve Regina*, and so still keep company and be merry together.'"[1]— *Our Lady's Dowry*. By Rev. T. E. Bridgett. (London : 1875.) p. 173.

[Fr. Bridgett gives an old English version of the *Salve Regina* about 1400.] —M. L.

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[1] Roper's Life of *More*.

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Bradgate or *Broadgate Park*, an extra-parochial district in the western division of the hundred of Goscote, in the co. of Leicester, 5 m. to the N.W. of Leicester. It is on the border of Charnwood Forest . . . (and was) the birthplace of Lady Jane Grey, in 1537. (Hamilton's *National Gazetteer*. Virtue and Co. 1878.) The Earl of Stamford and Warrington is now lying ill there. *Fishers Green*, Essex, is about 2 miles N. of Waltham Abbey and 1 m. E. of Cheshunt.

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alfyere, an, 29/13 : half a year
algates, 127/27 : nevertheless, anyhow
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amende, *v. t.* 49/15 : repair (bridges, &c.)
amendit, *pp.* 27/17 : made amends for, paid for
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amenusy, *inf.* 28/3 : diminish
an, 21/21, 22 ; 22/3, 6, 8, 10 : and
anamylyd, *pp.* 45/8 : enameld
and, 20/32 : if
and, 46/21 : an, a
aneyuer gurdil, 46/10 : (?) it's of silk, black, green, and red
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annexed þis . . with my testament, 64/19: tied it on to

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anoon, 51/2: immediately

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aray, *sb.* 79/2: dress

arayd, to be new, 133/26: to have a new suit of clothes

armerer, 94/18: armourer (Jn. Hill)

armerure, 58/13: collection, lot, of armour

armes, my seal of myn, 64/20

armeure, 109/25: armour

Armiger, 68/10: esquire

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armour, a knight's, gift of, 19/4-10

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Arsegirdle of silver, 110/25: ? a girdle passing at the top of the right thigh and drooping over the left rump

asselid, *pp.* 44/13: seald up

assigned, *pp.* 72/6: set apart, orderd, directed

assigns: to here heyres & assignez, 99/21

assithe, 119/5: satisfaction, amends

assyngned, *pp.* 116/5: pointed out, fixt on

assyngnes, *sb. pl.* 15/1: assigns

astate, 60/9, estate; 71/32: estate, grant, conveyance

astate, ioint, 60/1: joint estate

asyne, 11/2: direct, fix

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auundyrus, 45/14; 46/16; andirons

avaunsyd, *pp.* 19/31: advanced, got forward in the world, educated and marrid

aues of siluere, ten, 58/26: beads to say the Aves on

avice, 95/13: benefit

avise, *sb.* 93/17: opinion, decision

ayder, *pron.* 22/12, either

bachous [bakehouse] in Wodestrete in Londen, 73/8

bake .vj. buschellys of whete of smale Halpeney Loves (for poor folk), 40/13, 14

baleys, 116/6: rubies; 118/16, ruby

bankar of blewe & blak, 102/1: cover of a bench, falling down over its sides

bankers, 5/1; bankerus, 46/20

barell, verjuice, gift of, 91/19

Barley, gift of bushels of, to Harlington Church, and W. Rykard, 85/10

baselard, 12/17 : a long dagger
baselard harneysed with siluer, 34/28
basilardes harneysed with siluere, 58/10
bassenet, 40/39 : a light kind of helmet
Bastard Sword, 35/3 : a triangular squat sword
basyn of led, 2/3 ; basyn of siluer, 5/11
basyn and ewer, 76/19 ; of silver, 56/4 ; 57/19
basyn knopped, 101/27
basynet with a ventaile, 19/4 : small helmet with movable part near the mouth to let the breth thru
bay hors, a litill, 111/18
bay hors, gift of, 53/5
beads, a pair of, 58/24
beast, testator's best, as a Principal or offering : horse to follow his corpse, and then be given to the Priest, 47/18.
becure of seluer, 45/7, 17 : silver beaker or jug
bed, þat is to say, couerlide, tapite, blanketfis, too peyre schetes, matras and canvas, 57/22
bed and its belongings, 19/2 ; 91/5
bed of tree, 2/1 : wooden bed
bed, paled [striped] blak & whit, 5/5
bedbere, 41/17 : bed ?, not only bed-case or covering
bedde, a white, with roses, 76/17
beddyng, 48/6 : gift of, to 5 poor men, 35/19
bederpes, 27/13 : reapings done by poor tenants for their Lord
bedes of coraH, 50/17
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bedmen, 126/30 : men to pray
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behouefull, 125/2 : helpful
beleue, 39/24 : remain
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beqwedyt, 130/18 : bequeathd
-bere ; bed-bere (cp. pilwebere), 41/17 : a case ?
beret, 26/1 : buried
berieH, 96/5 : grave, tomb
bernes, *sb. pl.* 23/19 : barns
berynge, 29/5, 12 : burial, funeral
beset my testament, 21/20 : make it
Besshe (a gown furred with), 50/25 : ? can't be '*Biche* : f. A Hind ; the female of a Stag.'—*Cotgrave. See* Busshe, 88/25
BestaH, 95/10, 12 : beasts, cattle
besynesse, do her, 51/12 : strive, endeavour
betake, 98/4 : commit, bequeath
beth, 39/25 : are
beuer and oter medled, 37/2 : beaver and otter skins mixt
bey, *vb. pl.* 45/11 : be, are
beyer, *sb.* 38/24 : buyer
bidde, 6/30 : to pray
bille, 55/14 : document, testament
bille endented, 56/13 : list of household goods
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blake, *a.* 37/5 : dark-tinted

blake, a gowne of, 110/19

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bocull, 46/7 : a buckle. *See* Bokyll.

body of a Church, gift to, 84/8

bofet, 91/8 : a buffet, high cupboard

bok, *sb.* 27/20 : will

bokes, latyn, englisch, & frensch, 5/13

bokyll, 45/10 : a buckle

bolle cuppe I-keueryd, 45/16 : a bowl with a lid

bolle, pece, 46/3, 4 : a silver bowl

bolle of seluer, 76/6 : silver bowl

book, a good honeste : a Portoos or portable Breviary, 59/6

boond, *pp.* 79/19

bordcloth, 19/7 ; 101/21, 22 : table-cloth ornamented

bordeclothes, 56/22 : table-cloths

bord mausure with a bond of seluer, 46/5 : a wooden mazer bound with silver (gilt and ornamented)

boses apon the brerdes, 5/11 : bosses on the rims

botelles of siluer & gilt, a pere, 108/2

Boterie, officers of, 110/15

boþum, 56/26 : bottom

bow, a good, bequest of, 22/12

bowe, pesid, 42/21 : bow made up of several long pieces of wood, to stiffen it and make it shoot farther

bowe wythowte pecis, 42/3

Box, common, of a religious Brotherhood, 113/15, 16

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bracelet of gold, 110/7

branche of þe couercle, 45/18 : part of a jug-lid

brandernes, 56/27 ; of erne (iron), 57/27 : iron supports on the hearth to rest logs on

bras pot, gift of a, 15/21 ; 91/20

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brasyn pottes . . . pannis . . . bascinus, 46/14

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bread and herrings for some Essex poor, for 10 years, 70/21

brederhede of my craft (Skinners) of Corpus Christi, 113/14 ; of our Lady, 113/16

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brotherhede, 133/11 : brotherly kindness
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caryin, my foule, 27/5 : carrion, corpse
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catalles, 79/17 : chattels
Catallys mebles, 35/4 : moveable chattels
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chargeours, 56/8 : chargers, trays
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cnap, *sb.* 45/8 : knob, top of a jug-cover

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content, 132/11 : returnd, restord, satisfied

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contrarie his will, 122/16: contrary to it; 'c. to,' 122/21

Convent, Couent, 109/18, 19, 21, 23: all the folk of a Religious House except its head

conuersacioun, 105/3: life, behaviour

Cooks, the Craft of, 95/8

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cops, 6/29: ? Copes, or Brethren, Monks?

corall beads (for prayers), 50/17

Cordwainers' Company, the livery of, 16/20

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corn to be sold for purposes of a Will, 57/29

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Corwaner, 22/11: cordwainer

costages, 51/15: costs, expenses

Costers, 5/1; 19/2; 56/15; 133/6; Costurs, 131/21; Costures, 65/14: side-hangings

costs of putting a girl in a Convent, 118/13

cosyonys, 91/9: cushions. *See* Quisshens.

cote (a woman's), blake, furryd, 91/9

Counseller and helper to Executors, 71/20

Counters, 2 Prisons in London, 78/4

countes, 122/3, 7: counties

Court, the King's: boys to be sent to, after leaving School, 122/33

Covent, 47/21; 48/1: the body of Friars in a Priory, less the Warden or Prior, their Head

couercle, 45/8: lid, top of a jug

coverd cup of silver, 110/1, 2, 3, 4, 6

coverd cup of silver gilt, 109/17, 22

coverkell, 102/6, 7: little cover or lid. *See* Couercle.

couerled, 133/20: coverlet of a bed

coverlets, white and red, 101/20-1

couertour, 4/18: covering

Craft of Skinners, brotherhood of, 113/14, 16

crane, on a piece of plate, 57/12

credibill, *adj.* 53/26

crest on a tomb, 88/13

crest of my armes, 105/9: ? crest only, or coat, shield. '*Creste*: f. A crest, cop, combe; also, a tuft, or little plume standing on the top of.'—*Colgrave.*

cristned; 6 silver spoons given to a boy when, 57/13

cristy gray, 50/21: a tufted grey fur. See *Creste*, 7 lines *abuv.*

cross on a gilt candlestick, 82/10

cross work on a table-cloth, 101/21

Crown of gold for Our Lady of Caversham, 117/8

crucifix of siluer, and ygilt, 102/3

cruettis, 5/22; 76/4: small jugs or vessels that held the wine and the water before they were consecrated for the Eucharist. See p. 135.

cuisses, p. 54, note 1: thigh-pieces of armour

cunne, 15/3: know, can perform (divine service)

cup coverd with silver, 76/20

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Curteynis of blew (for) a bede, 46/29
curtylage, 99/16, 19, 23 : a court, yard, or paddock
curtyns of sute, 5/34 : *en suite*
cushions, quisshonus, 102/1. *See* quysson, cosyonys.
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debts proovd by oath, 39/7
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deces, 111/7, death
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dede of grawnt, 126/7 : conveyance
dede store, 85/12 : dead store, household goods
dedtis, 22/3 : debts
deduit, *pp.* 126/20 : deducted
deliberacion, 28/24
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delyd, *pp.* 113/18 : distributed, given away
delyueraunce, 57/32 : handing-over, delivery
delyuery, *inf.* 125/6 : (to) deliver
delyuery, they, 111/27, deliver
demened, 105/13 : laid out, expended
demenyd, 114/23 : distributed
departed, *pp.* 5/30 ; 6/17 ; 90/5 : divided
departyd, 117/13 : (arms) impaled
depeynt, 5/25 : painted
desposed, *pp.* 100/1 : disposed, applied
destresse, clause of (enabling him to distrain for arrears of Annuity), 63/30. *See* Distresse.
deuaunt, towelles of, 19/8 : ? those laid *on* the tablecloth, and *under* dishes
devenyte, the Maister of, 118/22
dever, 119/17 : duty
deuotiacions, 81/11 : devotions, burning tapers, &c.
deuys, devys, 6/28 ; 94/2 : discretion, judgment
deuyse, 4/11 : bequeath
dey, 39/8 : they. Cp. *de*, the.
dimi-Selour, 36/9 : half-canopy of a bed
Dirige by note, 15/12
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discesse, *sb.* 123/22 : death ; *vb.* 123/33 : die
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dispendid, *pp.* 72/8 : expended, laid out

Disshes & Sawcers of seluer, 32/26-7
distresse, right of (or ? a thing distraind), 20/19. *See* Destresse.
distribued, 78/3, 8; 79/7, 18: distributed
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do excucion of this my present testament, 79/10
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do of massys, 2/7: put to, or spent in, Masses
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do singe, 31/4: cauze Masses, &c., to be sung
Dobelet couered with Blak gote Leþer, 37/5, 6. *See* Doubeled.
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Dome, the Day of, 119/19
don, *pp.* 19/31: applied, spent, disposed of
dosur, 46/20: dorser, cloth over the back of a chair; a kind of anti-macassar for ornament
doth of, *pl.* 8/31: do to or in
Doubeled (Doublet) of defence couered with red Leþer, 37/3, 4
double negativ, 133/10; &c.
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dower, wife to have, 122/5
dowerye, 32/21: dower
down pillows, 36/11, 12
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dueez, 127/33: dues
duetees, 88/17: dues
dutys, 94/16: dues
dyd, 40/10: died
dying, 46/31: dying, death
dymened, *pp.* 93/19: done, arranged
dysposyng, *sb.* 13/17: distributing

eard pan of brass, 101/28
easment, 78/22: advantage, benefit
eche daies gowne, 50/16: every-day gown
edefied, *pp.* 134/9: built
edifie, 81/10: build
egally, 90/5: equally
egg-rack of iron, 102/5, 6
either, *a.* 75/21: respective; 'her either,' of each of them
Ela, 37/12: ile (aisle) of a Church. *See* Eyle, and Ille.
elle, 58/17: else
ellis, 38/27: otherwise (got)
emendynge of weys, 19/17: mending of roads. *See* Highway.
empeschement of waste, 25/23: liability for damage done to an estate
enbrawde (embroiderd) with whyte fete, 19/3
endenture, 45/5: Will
enditement, 71/4
enduryng, 78/25: long, lasting
enfeffe P. D. *on* .vj. marces of rente, 71/28 (*with*, we should say)
enfeffez, 61/20: folk enfeft with land

enmortese, 118/30 : convey in mortmain
entendant, 6/18 : attending on
enterement, 23/22 : burial
entierement, 132/10 : interment, burial
er þane I, 40/10, 11 : before that I
erne, 57/27 : iron
ernest, a noble poied on, 59/1 : as earnest of a bargain
es, 39/22, 28, 30 ; 40/9, 10 : is; 39/34 ; 40/1 : are
esement, 70/24 : easement, relief
estat, 7/6 : condition
Esteren, 39/26, 28 ; 40/2, 3 ; 63/30 : Easter
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ewre, 59/9 : destine ? : 'if god *ewre* him to dye or me'
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eyle, 38/27 : ile, aisle of a church. *See* Ill, 81/9
eyren, 102/6 : eggs
eyther, 97/11 : each, every one

fader dettis, 52/15 : father's debts
faderles and moderles, 57/2, 3
fascyon, 116/11 : make, style
featherbed, 56/21 ; a little one for a child, 101/18
feble & foule weye, 31/18, 19
feffee-trustees to convey land to Executors, 118/8-12
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feffours, 71/27, 34 : devisees of real estate who've been enfeoft by the Testator's feffees, in accordance with his Will
fefyes, 19/36 : feoffees
ferme, *sb.* 52/18 ; 115/25 : rent
ferme, hold to, 115/21 : hold on lease, on rent
fermor, 52/16 : lessee. Fr. '*Fermier :* m. A Farmer ; a Lessee ; also, a chiefe Hind, or Husbandman ; a Baylife, or Ouerseer of another mans Husbandrie.'—*Cotgrave*, 1611.
ferroure, 76/26 : ironman, farrier ?
fetherbed, 56/21 ; 101/18
ficheux (furred with), 110/19 : polecats' skins
firepan, gift of, 91/19
flat basin, 49/16, p. 139 ; peces, 56/5
flat playne stone, (&) my name ygraued þar-in ; over T. Broke's tomb, 27/2, 3

fliueres of pecok, 102/16 : peacock feathers ?
flot, *sb.* 22/7 : a brewer's float
flourdeluces, 102/7
foill, .iij., 36/7 : trefoil (a fret of, workt on a Coverlet)
for als mykyl, 59/15, 18 : forasmuch
for before-mete, and after, 56/24
for to, 1/6 : prep. 'to'
forcet, 70/29; 102/17 : chest, coffer
fordermore syn, 38/15 : furthermore
forderyng, *adj.* 38/18 : furthering, helpful
foretyn, 21/24 : forgotten
form, gift of a, 91/20
forre, *sb.* 101/15 : fur
forsait, 33/30 : aforesaid
forseen, 99/21 : provided
forser (with loke and kye), 91/20 : chest, casket
forset, *sb.* 70/29 : casket
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foul ways between London and Ware; gift to mend, 15/36; elsewhere, 31/18
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founde, be, 34/17, 19 : be provided for, have her house kept up
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frendshipe, 130/14 : help from friends
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——, the twey Ordres of Freres in Ludlowe, 31/13
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Frere Menoures, 17/4; 106/9 : Friar Minors, Franciscans, or Grey Friars. *See* Grey Friars.
Freres Menours of Bristowe, 7/29
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Freres prechours withynne Ludgate of london, 7/23; 17/2
Freres prechours of Salesbury, 7/28 : Jacobins or Dominicans
Freres prechours of Wynchestre, 7/26 : Black Friars
Friars, the Four Orders in London, 31/20-1; 78/13. *See* Freres, and p. 16, note.

Friars of Beverley, Yorkshire, 12/22

Friars, three Orders of, in Shrewsbury, 31/11

Friars, Grey, and the other 3 Orders, at York, 52/5, 10. *See* Grey.

frese, 37/1 : frieze (green)

frontel (of altar), 5/19 : drapery covering the front of an altar, on which a monogram or ornament is generally workt

funeral to be inexpensiv, 49/11

funeral to be without pomp, 23/22

funeral, Lady A. West's, to be 'with right litel cost,' 8/22

funeralx, *adj. pl.*, expenses funeralx, 115/3

furd gowns, bequest of, 58/4

fure, 53/29 : fur

furre, *sb.* 114/14 : fur

furre of Fycheux, 34/30

furre and cloth gownes, 114/12

furred with blak, a gowne, 110/21

furrereur, 118/3 : fur garments, lining and trimming

furrurs, 54/6 : sets of furs

fustyans, a peyre for a bed, 56/18

fycheux, furre of, 34/30 : polecats, fitchets

fyn, 62/18 : a 'fine' at law, proceeding for vesting an estate finally in a buyer, &c.

fynde, 43/10 : provide for, maintain

fynde hir, 43/8 : provide for herself

fynde to gramer scole, 133/16 : provide for (a boy) at a Grammar School

g for *k* : thyngyth, 29/19 : thinketh

gallon brass pot, 98/11, 12

gamerye, 57/28 : game-house or -yard (?)

gar sende, 40/16 : cauze to be sent

geldyng, þe grey 53/8

genet, the, p. 36, note 7

gertiers, a C, 109/5 : 100 garters

gesseran, a habirgoun of, 54/1

gilde pece with smale stones sett ther-on, 133/2

gilt cups, coverd, 65/12

gilt keuered goblet, 57/16

girdle, silvern, 42/20 ; of black silk, 45/9

glass before a tablet or picture, 117/13

gloves of white, and of black, mail, 19/6, 10

goat leather, black, a Doublet coverd with, 37/6

goblets, bequest of two, 65/15

God Almighty and his mother, 4/8

godchildren, gifts to, 39/19

god-doutghter, 50/8

goddes, 34/18 : goods, property

goddis-child, 101/18 : godchild

Goddys seruice, 31/3 : service in honour of God

gode, 3/14 : goods

gode childrin, 80/9 : godchildren

godely, if it myght, 62/18 ; if it can reasonably be done. Godely, 62/20 : reasonably, conveniently

gode men and wommen : prayer for children to be, 59/12

godly, *adv.* 49/10 : in due manner, decently

godson and servant, 95/4

gogement, 80/8 : Judgment (the Day of)

gold chain, 76/21
gold chain of 25 lbs, 117/8
gold chain given to Mrs. Jn. Lemman, 35/1
gold ring with a Crucifix above, 97/1
gold ring with a stone, 96/15
golde rynge, 40/20
goldringe, a gode, 58/24
Goldsmythes werk, a gowne of, 109/4
goud, *sb.* 38/27 : money
gouernance, 122/11 : behaviour, rule of life
gouernance, at, 13/28 : under control, rule
gouernances, 127/34 : appliances
gouernauns, 43/10 : management, control
gouernauns, 43/1 : ordinance, testament
gouerne, 78/27 : conduct
gouerne, 127/31 : apply, use
gouernyd worshipfully, 127/16 : behave properly
gown and hood, 101/15
goun, blake, furred with funes (martin skins), 53/21. *See* Martin.
gown, a blue, and a pair of red hose, 17/10
gowns off cloth off gold and off sylke, 52/7
gown furred with Besshe, 50/25
gown furred with Cristy gray, 50/20; p. 138, some tufted grey fur
gown, a green, of the Cordwainers' livery, 16/20
gown, gray russet, furred wit Ionetis and wylde Catis, 36/16
—— of grene frese, 37/1
gown furred with gret menyvere, 50/19
goune, russet, lynyt with whyte blanket, 91/16, 17
gown, a sanguine (blood-red), furd with martins' skins), 111/4; a purple, 107/34
gown, scarlet, furd with foynes, beech-martins' skins, 108/1; 111/20
gowne of Scharlet wit brod sleues furred with gray, 36/14
——, blew worsted, furred with þrotes and polles of Martrons (martins), 36/15
gown, scarlet, with slit sleeves furd, 111/22; plain, 111/24
goune, worstede, with þe furre, 34/27
gowns, gift of, 29/15-17
gowns given to poor Tenants, 94/1
gramer scole, 133/16
graners, 22/7 : grain-vessel ?
grase, 27/17 : grass
graunte, 86/14 : make
graunteyn, 48/1 : agree, undertake
grauntfaderles and grauntmoderles, 57/3
gre, 27/14 : pleasure, will
green gown, 16/20; green frieze gown, 37/1; green hose, 42/3; g. kirtle, 91/10; g. silk net curtains, 36/8
Greffons, 117/3 : griffins (sculpturd)
grene sylke bed, 133/1
Grey Friars, 106/9 : Friar Minors or Franciscans
Grey Freres of Hereford, 109/12
Grey Friars at York, 52/5. *See* Freres Menours, and Friars.
groche noȝt with, 116/8 : do not object to
growyng, 18/14 : growth, crop

gruche therwith, 118/17, 18: be discontented with it

grypp, 46/7: a griffin or vulture (on a silver band)

grypys ey, 120/16; 133/4, 5: a gripe's or vulture's egg (as a cup). gripe, γρυψ, *gryps* a griffin. 'A gryphe hyghte *Griphes*, and is accounted amonge volatiles, Deuteronomi, xiiii. And there the Glose saythe, that the grype is foure foteddе, and lyke to the egle in heed and in wynges. And is lyke to the lyon in the other part of the body, and dwelleth in those hylles that ben called Hyperborei, and ben mooste enemyes to horses and men, & greueth them moste, and layeth in his neste a stone that hyght Smaragdus agaynste venemous beastes of the mountayne.'—Trevisa's *Bartholœmous*, bk. xii, ch. xix, leaf 171, col. 2, ed. 1535 (in *Percy Fol. Ballads*, iii. 555). I suppoze the egg was really an ostrich's.

grys, 5/9: grey fur

gude, 12/25: goods, personal property

gurdill of blake sylke y-linyde with rede lether, 45/9, 10. *See* Girdle, Pearles, Pendaunt.

h after *w*: wherk (work), 81/9; whriten (written), 82/7; whith (with), 82/5

habergeon, bequest of a, 76/13

Habyryon, 12/16: habergeon, a coat of leather or mail

haf, 58/26: have

haiers, 53/13: heirs

hair cast backwards, Lady Warwick's, in her Statue, 116/10

halfe large, 101/3: half the large size

haliwater pot, 5/22

hall, 47/15: all

Hall, officers of my said lord('s), 110/13

Halle, bequest of a, 5/1: ? the fittings of one

hallyng, 35/19: hangings, &c. for the hall of a house

Hallyng or Tapestry embroiderd with the Nine Worthies, 133/7

Halpeney Loves for the Poor, 40/13. *See* Hapeny.

haluyndel 1/7: half

ham, 5/30; 92/15: them. *See* Hym.

hame, 49/10: am

hame, 27/15: them. *See* heme.

han, 3/3: haue

hapeny loaves, 1000 given to poor men, 113/11. *See* Halpeney.

harneys, 76/10: armour

harneys, 36/5: beds, coverlets, cushions, furd gowns, &c., &c.

harnesed, 76/14: with sheath, belt, and suspenders

hastly, *adv.* 70/10: hastily, quickly

have, 123/32: possess

(to) haue and to holde, 99/20

haue age of discrecioun, 5/31: come to years of discretion

hay and corn of þis ȝhere growyng, 18/11: this year's crop

heale, *sb.* 87/20: health

hech, 47/20: each

heires of their bodies, 124/24

heldest (son), 19/1: eldest

hele, 101/2: health, condition

hele, *vb.* 3/8; 5/27: to cover, protect

helper, *sb.* 47/16

helth and saluacion of my sowle, 93/1

hely, *vb.* 27/4: cover

helyng, 131/21: covering

heme, 48/5, 6, 11, 13: them

hende, *sb.* 41/1 : end
hens, bequest of six, 91/21
her, 75/21 ; 130/17 : their
here, *sb.* 80/11 : year
herrings and bread for Essex poor, 70/22
hers, 24/15, 16, 18, 21, &c. : heirs
hert in þe myddyll of a dorsur, 46/21 : a hart, stag ?
heued (sheet, colord), 4/17
heuery, 80/9, 11 : every
hewk, 37/3 : a robe
hewne, 86/15 : heaven
hey day of Iugement, 29/20 : high day
heyr lome, 56/32 : heirloom
high way, gift for repair of, 11/22; 49/15; 80/12 ; 98/9; 99/14. *See* Feble.
hir, 53/15 : hire
his, 75/12 : its
hit, 57/5 : hit that, the property which
hoby, 53/15; 111/27 : hobby, small Irish horse
hold greynys, 18/14 : old corn, of the last and former years
holde houshold, 57/32 : keep up a house
hole, 92/11 : whole
holelych, 28/1 : wholly
holle, 19/5 : whole
holli, 95/16 : wholly
holograph Will, written thru-out by the Testator, 63/1
honest place, 110/12 : decent, proper place
honestly, 126/27 : honourably, decently
hoods, gifts of, 97/4. *See* houd, hoyd.
hool celure, 5/34 : a whole canopy
hool estat of my body, 4/5 : in sound condition
hors, *pl.* 109/24 : horses (A.S. *hros* was neuter, and its pl. didn't change)
horse, best, as a burial fee, *mortuarium*, 120/10. *See* Principal, p. 139.
horse, bequest of, 87/1 ; 111/18, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28
horses, gift of, 23/24 ; 53/5, 8, 9
hosen of grene, 42/3
hospitales, þe pore, nere London, 31/31 ; 32/1-3
hosyn, rede, 17/11
houd, my blac, 40/29 : hood
hour, 47/14 : our
hous, 6/29 ; 54/3 : convent
hous of dwellyng, 96/14 : dwelling-house
householders, poor, bequest of coles (charcoal) to, 101/16
houshold, 52/11 ; 84/10 : household goods. *See* howshold.
howe, 39/26, 29, 31, 32, 33 : owe
howght him eny goud, 39/7 : owd em any money
howke of siluer, 111/29 : hook ?
hows, 6/29 ; 54/3 : house, monastery, nunnery
howshold, 70/28 ; howsold, 131/20 : household goods and chattels
howynge, 40/1 : owing
hoyd (hood) percyd with Ray, 16/20. *See* hood, houd.
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